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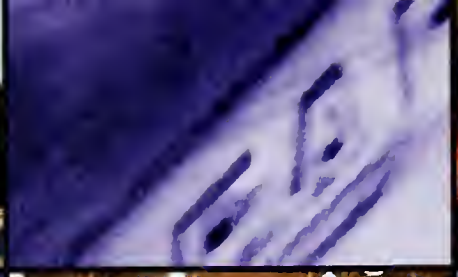

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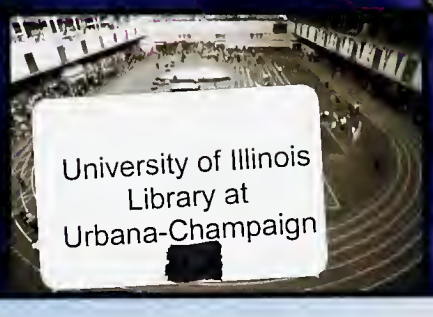

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Illinois Quick Facts

Location	Urbana-Champaign, Ill.
Founded	1867
Enrollment	38,000
Nickname	Fighting Illini
Colors	Orange and Blue
President	James J. Stukel
Interim Chancellor	Richard Herman
Director of Athletics	Ron Guenther
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Conference	Big Ten
Facility	U of I Arboretum

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Team Quick Facts

Big Ten Championships:	Ninth
Top Individual: Jason Bill (40th)	
Midwest Regional Championships:	Eighth
Top Individual: Jason Bill (15th)	
2003 Midwest Regional Finish	8th
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	5/4

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2004 Fighting Illini Roster

	Class	Elg.	Hometown / High School/College
Justin Aronson	So.	Fr.	Arlington Heights, Ill./Prospect
Jason Bill**	Jr.	Jr.	Buda, Ill./Bureau Valley
Ian Clausen	Fr.	Fr.	Wheaton, Ill./Wheaton North
Kristopher Cunningham**	Sr.	Sr.	Pekin, Ill./Peoria-Notre Dame
Matthew Flaherty	Fr.	Fr.	Springfield, Ill./Chatham Glenwood
Ryan Giuliano	So.	Fr.	Schaumburg, Ill./Conant
Art Glaz	Fr.	Fr.	Palos Hills, Ill./Stagg
Tim Hobbs**	Sr.	Jr.	Elmhurst, Ill./York
Trent Hoerr*	So.	So.	Morton, Ill./Morton
Jon Houseworth**	Jr.	Jr.	Carlock, Ill./Eureka
Michael Kelley	So.	Fr.	Rockford, Ill./Winnebago
Tim Kelly	So.	Fr.	Orland Park, Ill./Carl Sandburg
William McCann	Fr.	Fr.	Decatur, Ill./MacArthur
Ed Murray	So.	Fr.	Arlington Heights, Ill./Prospect
Seth Pilkington	So.	So.	Roy, Utah/Roy/University of Oregon
Maciej Sniegorski	Fr.	Fr.	Gliwice, Poland/Liceum Ogolnoksztalcace
Dan Stock	Fr.	Fr.	Arlington Heights, Ill./Prospect
Brad Topol	Fr.	Fr.	LaGrange, Ill./Lyons
Eric Wallor	Jr.	Jr.	Palatine, Ill./Fremd H.S./Harper College
Dan Walters	Fr.	Fr.	Lisle, Ill./Naperville North

Head Coach: Paul Pilkington, 2nd Season
* Denotes the number of varsity letters

Pronunciation Guide

Aronson . . . . . .AIR-on-son
Ian Clausen . . . . . .E-an Claw-sen
Flaherty . . . . . .FLAT-ery
Hoerr . . . . . .HAIR
Maciej Sniegorskima-CHECK SNE-gor-ski
Topol . . . . . .TOE-pol
Wallor . . . . . .WALL-or

Seniors
Kristopher Cunningham

Juniors
Jason Bill
Tim Hobbs
Jon Houseworth
Eric Wallor

Sophomores
Trent Hoerr
Seth Pilkington

Freshmen
Justin Aronson
Ian Clausen
Matthew Flaherty
Ryan Giuliano
Art Glaz
Michael Kelley
Tim Kelly
William McCann
Ed Murray
Maciej Sniegorski
Dan Stock
Brad Topol
Dan Walters

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2004 Fighting Illini Season Outlook

Illinois' 2004 men's cross country team returns five of its top runners from last season, including four of the team's five scorers from the Big Ten meet. Joining the returnees is a talented class of newcomers that includes a former junior college All-American, an internationally experienced freshman and a transfer returning to action after a two-year stint on a religious mission.

Leading the Fighting Illini is junior Jason Bill. Bill is coming off a season which he was the Illini's top finisher in every meet he competed in, including victories at the Missouri Cross Country Challenge and the Illini Pack-It-Up Challenge.

"Jason Bill could be one of the best runners in the conference, and one of the better runners in the United States as long as he is not plagued by the side-stitch problems that he had last season," head coach Paul Pilkington. "We think we've corrected that with some things we've done on his stride length. He had no problems with it in track, and we're expecting that to continue through cross country. Jason was a NCAA qualifier in track. In cross-country, 10,000 meters is a great distance for him. He was our number one runner all year last year and I assume that he will be number one again, or right in there again."

Sophomore Trent Hoerr was Illinois' second scorer in each meet he ran last season, but had his greatest success once the season concluded. In February Hoerr became the first Illinois runner to make the USA's Junior Men's team when he placed third at the USA Cross Country Championships Junior Men's race in Indianapolis, Ind. That success earned the Morton, Ill. native a trip to the IAAF World Cross Country Championships in Brussels, Belgium, where he was the United States' fifth scorer.

Illinois' lone senior is Kris Cunningham who will be looking to build on a season that saw him finish in the Illini's top five positions six times.

"Last year Kris was the third man on our team most of the year," Pilkington said. "He had a good summer of training and a good track season. He was ninth in the Big Ten in the steeplechase, and that was the first track season he had ever ran. Kris will help us and should be in our top-five again."

Also returning are junior Jon Houseworth and Tim Hobbs.

"Jon has improved dramatically from a year ago," Pilkington said. "He's a lot stronger and he ran much faster on the track indoor. He'll be one of the keys to us having a real good team, if he can continue that improvement and make same the transition he made to becoming a good track runner last year. If he does that, he'll help quite a bit."

Pilkingron continued, "Last year, Tim missed the whole summer with an injury. Now he's healthy and had a real good summer of training. Tim is primarily an 800m, 1500m runner but he has gotten strong enough now that I think he'll help us, especially in conference in the 8K. He will be one we look to be in the top five at conference."

Pilkington will turn to his redshirt freshmen and newcomers to provide an additional spark, one that would push the Orange and Blue closer to the top-rier Big Ten teams.

"We have a group of guys that I redshirted last year that have made some real good improvements. Dan Stock is one who's improved quite a bit and had a great summer, Ryan Giuliano was only a 4:32 miler in high school and he improved over the track season last year and the summer," Pilkington said. "We've got to have one of the incoming freshmen or redshirt freshmen step up and start racing like their capable of. I think Dan Srock could do it, Tim Kelly and Mike Kelley both have had an extra year of training and are running well. Our young group is good collection of athletes."

In his first recruiting class, Pilkington has landed an impact group. At the top of the list is his son, Seth Pilkington who joins the Illini after two years away from the sport while on a religious mission in Athens, Greece. The younger Pilkington, once in shape, is expected to challenge Bill for the Illini's top spot.

"Seth is a transfer from the University of Oregon, he's been in Athens, Greece for two years on a church mission," Paul Pilkington said. "Once he's fit, he's the type who could run very well in the conference. He was a high school All-American, he was sixth at the Foot Locker National Championships in high school and he ran well at Oregon, where he was the No. 2 or No. 3 man on their team as a freshman. He still has some work to do, because he's been able to get in very little running for two years, but he'll get in shape quickly and should really help us."

Another gem expected to be in the team's top pack is Maceij Sneigorski, who comes to Champaign via Gliwice, Poland.

"Maceij is a very accomplished cross country runner," Pilkington said. "He was second in the under-23 national championships in Poland. He'll have some adjusting to go through, to being here, and the University, bur by the time the end of the season rolls around, Maceij will be very good."

Also expected to contribute are former junior college All-American Eric Wallor and incoming freshmen Ian Clausen, Matthew Flaherty, Ryan Giuliano, Art Glaz, William McCann, Brad Topol and Dan Walters.

"I expect us to be a little more competitive than we've been in the last couple of years, especially if we get everybody going," Pilkington said. "Seth running or not will make a big difference. I think if we have him healthy, we can finish in the top six in conference. We're still a year away from being in the top-four, but eventually we'll get there. To be in the top-five in conference, you have to be in the top-15 in the country, we're not there yet, but we're close to it."

Paul Pilkington enters his second campaign as Illinois' men's cross country coach, coming off a season in which he led the Illini to two meet victories, saw a number of personal bests broken and had Illinois' first ever U.S. Junior Men's Cross Country team member, with freshman Trent Hoerr.

Pilkington came to the Illini after serving two seasons as an assistant track and field coach at Weber State University. At Weber State, he coached the male 5,000 and 10,000-meter runners, all female distance runners, and female hurdlers. In 2003 he coached ten regional qualifiers and 3 NCAA national qualifiers. In addition, he boasts 34 all-conference selections in his two seasons.

At Weber State, Pilkington led the Wildcats to the 2002 Big Sky conference title in men's and women's indoor and outdoor track. In 2003, the women's team repeated as indoor champions. Under his direction, Weber State's cross country team placed second in the Big Sky in 2001 and 2002.

From 1988 until 2003, Pilkington has served as a personal cross country coach in Roy, Utah where he coached five female U.S. Olympic Trials qualifiers, three Foot Locker cross country national finalists and over twenty Utah high school champions, six state record holders and two high school All-Americans.

As a runner, Pilkington has had a very successful career. In 1994 he won the USA Track and Field marathon national championship as well as the Los Angeles marathon. In 1995 he was a member of the U.S. World Championships team, while in 1992, Pilkington was the USA Track and Field 20-kilometer national champion. He was also a four-time Olympic Trials qualifier in 1988, 1992, 1996 and 2000.

A 1981 graduate of Weber State, Pilkington earned U.S. Track and Field Federation All-American status in the steeplechase. In 1987, he was recognized as a NJCAA All-American in the steeplechase while at the College of Southern Idaho. In 1992, he graduated from Utah State with a master's degree in instructional design.

He and his wife Darby have three children, Jake (23), Seth (21) and Erin, (18).

Illini Track Head Coach Wayne Angel on Pilkington

"I'm very excited and honored to have Paul as a member of my staff. Paul is a man of high integrity and his work ethic is second to none. He has established himself as an outstanding coach and recruiter and his experience at the high school level, Division I level and international level make him well suited for this position. He will do an outstanding job for the University of Illinois."

Wayne Angel — Head Men's Track and Field Coach

Wayne Angel will enter his second season as the head men's track and field coach, following a year that saw him begin the return of the Fighting Illini to the Big Ten's elite teams. Under Angel's guidance the Orange and Blue placed fourth at the Big Ten Indoor Championships, fifth at the conference outdoor meet, had the program's first Big Ten champion in three years and boasted two All-Americans.

Angel came to Illinois after a one-year stint at the University of Iowa where he was the head women's cross country coach and assistant track and field coach for the Hawkeyes.

During his brief stint in Iowa City, Iowa, Angel helped guide the Iowa women's track and field team to a sixth-place finish at the Big Ten Outdoor Championships, the school's highest finish in nine years.

Angel received his B.A. in physical education from the University of Illinois in 1982 while enjoying a successful track and field career. A two-time Big Ten Champion as a member of the 4x400 meter relay, Angel ended his one year Illinois career as the school-record holder in the 400 meter intermediate hurdles with a time of 50.56 seconds and currently ranks sixth on the school's all-time list in the event.

A tri-captain for the Illini in 1981, Angel won his first Big Ten title at the 1981 Big Ten Indoor Championships in the 4x400 meter relay with a time of 3:12.7 before claiming the same title outdoors with a time of 3:08.1. Angel also finished fourth for the Illini at the Big Ten Indoor Championships in the 500 meters and fourth in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles outdoors.

Angel is a former Army Airborne Ranger, and a distinguished honor graduate of the Army's Air Assault School. A two-time USTAFF and Junior College All-American, Angel was inducted into the Rantoul High School (Ill.) Hall of Fame in 1985.

Jason Bill
Buda, Ill.
Bureau Valley

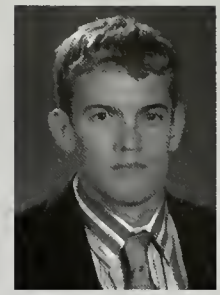
2003:
Illini's top finisher in each event he competed in ... Won the Missouri Challenge and the Pack-It-Up Illini Challenge ... Honored as the Big Ten Cross Country Athlete of the Week following the Missouri victory ... Ran 31:37 to finish 15th at the 10K District V regional meet ... Finished twelfth at the Cowboy Jamboree, clocking a personal best 8K time of 24:37 ... Placed fourth at the Great American Cross Country Festival ... Took 40th at the Big Ten Championships despite suffering an injury during the race.

2002:
Immediately stepped in and became Illinois' top runner by seasons end ... Earned an at-large bid to the NCAA Championships, becoming the first Illinois runner to compete at the NCAA Championships since 1995 and the first Illinois freshman to compete as an individual at the NCAA Championships since Craig Virgin in 1973 ... Finished 155th overall ... Had three top-10 finished during the season ... Was an All-Midwest Regional honoree with a seventh-place finish at the regional championship ... Finished a season-best second at the Illinois Invitational ... Season best 8,000 meter time of 24:48.2 came at the Big Ten Championships where he led Illinois and finished 21st overall ... Finished the season at the U.S. Cross Country Junior Nationals where he finished eighth and was named an alternate to the U.S. Junior National team.

High School:
Illinois Class A State Champion in the 1,600m as a senior ... Recorded a season-best 1,600m time of 4:14.00 ... Finished fourth in the same race as a junior ... Finished second at the Class A cross country championships as a senior, running a three-mile time of 14:47 to finish just behind future Illini teammate Paul Jellema ... Finished 10th at the state cross country meet as a junior with a time of 15:16 ... Also brings in a personal-best time of 9:16.6 in the 3,200m.

Personal:
Son of Gary and Phyllis Bill ... Born Jan. 11, 1984 ... Brother Randy runs track and cross country at Augustana College ... Majoring in Biology/Pre-Med.

Personal Bests:
8,000 meters: 24:37 10/4/03
10,000 meters: 30:15.55 11/16/02



Kris Cunningham
Pekin, Ill.
Peoria-Notre Dame

2003:
Was the Fighting Illini's second, third or fourth scorer in each race he ran ... Had a season-best finish of sixth at the Missouri Challenge ... Placed seventh at the Pack-It-Up Illini Challenge in 25:26.78 ... Matched his 8K career-best time of 25:25 with his performance at the Cowboy Jamboree ... Was the fourth scorer at the Great American Cross Country Festival ... Finished 44th at the Big Ten Championships and 36th at the regional meet.

2002:
Participated in each of the Fighting Illini's seven meets ...Twice was Illinois' fifth scorer, coming in at 26:35 at the Great American Invitational, while helping the Illini to a ninth place finish at the Illinois Invitational after running an 8k season-best time of 25:25.44 ...Established a career-best 10K time at the NCAA Midwest Regional with a time of 31:35.86.

High School: Mid State Six cross country conference champion senior year ...All-region and all-section senior season ...Earned four letters in cross country and two in track ...Qualified for state twice in cross country and once in track ...Coached by Mike Sullivan and Dan Gray.

Personal: Full given name is Kristopher Todd Cunningham ...Son of David and Tamara Cunningham ...Born 4/5/83 ...Has one brother and two sisters ...Majoring in molecular and cellular biology ...Has twice achieved Deans List honors ...Favorite athlete is Michael Jordan ...Plans to attend medical school upon graduation ...Hobbies include running, basketball, hiking and snow skiing.

Personal Bests:
8,000 meters: 25:25 10/4/03
10,000 meters: 31:35.86 11/16/02

Tim Hobbs
Elmhurst, Ill.
York

2003: Set a personal best 8K time after running 25:50.6 to place fifth for the Illini at the Big Ten Championships ... Ran 33:28 at the District V regional meet ... Competed in the Pack-It-Up

Illini Challenge.

2002: Competed in three meets before a foot injury forced him out of the lineup ... Finished fifth for the Illini at the Roy Griak Invitational in a season-best 8,000 meter time of 26:05.9 ... Finished a career best 21st at the Illinois State Pre-Regional.

2001: Redshirted the cross country season.

High School: Two-time Illinois State Champion in the 800m ... Was a member of the national-record setting 4x800m relay team that ran a record time of 7:34.18 ... Was also a member of the 4x800m relay team that set the national record in the indoors, with a time of 7:42 ... Runner up at the 2001 state track and field meet in the 1600m ... Competed in the 2001 state cross country meet ... Also competed in the Golden West Invitational.

Personal: Full given name is Timothy Martin Hobbs ... Son of Martin and Marjory Hobbs ... Born June 11, 1983 ... Has one brother ... Majoring in English ... Biggest thrill in sports is setting national records and winning state championships.

Personal Bests:

8,000 meters:	26:50.6	11/2/03
10,000 meters:	33:28	11/15/03

Trent Hoerr
Morton, Ill.
Morton

2003: Became the first-ever Fighting Illini runner to qualify for the U.S. Junior Men's team after his third place finish at the 2004 USA Cross Country Championships ... Was the fifth scorer for Team USA at the IAAF World Cross Country Championships ... Illinois' second finisher in each of his four races ... Placed third at the Pack-It-Up Illini Challenge with a season-best 8K time of 25:08.09 ... Ran 25:19 to finish 24th at the Cowboy Jamboree ... Was 41st at the Big Ten Championships ... Clocked 32:05 at the 10K regional race.

High School: Finished tenth at the Foot Locker Midwest meet as a senior ... Earned a 18th place finish at the state meet his senior year ... Placed seventh at the Mid East meet as a senior ... Garnered nine letters in high school, four in cross country, three in track and two in wrestling ... High school coaches were Darren Hurst and Dave Nordhielm.

Personal: Full given name is Trent Jackson Hoerr ... Parents are Dan and Karen Hoerr ... Has five brothers and two sisters ... Three brothers wrestled in college, Brooke at the University of Indiana, Blake at Indiana and Illinois and Grant at the University of Wisconsin ... Biggest thrill in sports was finshing tenth at the Foot Locker Midwest meet ... Favorite athlete is Steve Prefontaine because of his determination and drive ... High school coach Dave Nordhielm most influenced his running career because he got him to start taking running seriously.

Personal Bests

8,000 meters:	25:08.09	10/18/03
10,000 meters:	32:05	11/15/03

Jon Houseworth
Carlock, Ill.
Eureka

2003: Had a season-best finish of seventh at the Missouri Challenge ... Ran a season-best 8K time of 25:36.52 to place tenth at the Pack-It-Up Illini Challenge ... Clocked 33:09 as Illinois' fifth scorer at the regional meet ... Was the team's sixth finisher at the Cowboy Jamboree and the Great American Cross Country Festival ... Also competed at the Big Ten Championships.

2002: Was a key contributor as a freshman ... Was hindered by a shin injury throughout the second half for the season ... Opened the season with three top-11 overall finishes ... Back-to-back 10th-place finishes came at the Great American Invitational and Illinois State Pre-Regional Invitational ... Finished 11th at the Illinois Invitational with a season-best 8,000 meter time of 25:35.94 ... Also competed at the Big Ten Championships.

High School: Three-time All-State selection in cross country and track ...All-conference all four years ...Finished 19th in state cross country in 1999, 6th in 2000 and 8th in 2001 ...Led team to state cross country championship all four seasons ...Earned four letter in cross country, four in track and two in basketball ...High school coach was Brett Charleton

Personal: Full given name is Jon Douglas Houseworth ...Born 10/4/83 in Lawrence, Kansas ...Majoring in biology ...Son of Steve and Patty Houseworth ...Both parents ran track and cross country, mom at Southern Illinois and dad at Westmont University ...Has one brother

Personal Bests

8,000 meters:	25:35.94	10/5/02
10,000 meters:	33:09	11/15/03

Michael Kelley
Rockford, Ill.
Winnebago

High School:
Cross country state runner-up in 2002...State champion in the 1600m run in 2003...Named All-State four years...Contributed to state champion cross country team in 2002...Won four letters in cross country and track, and two in basketball while attending Winnebago High

Personal:
Full given name is Michael Lynch Kelley...Son of Ken and Christine Kelley...Born July 15, 1984, in Cataldo, ID...Brother Brian runs cross country and track for Wisconsin-Oshkosh...Favorite athlete is Muhammad Ali because he was a winner and was entertaining...Graduated eighth in his high school class and held a perfect 4.0 GPA his last five semesters...Growing up, had Kiwane Garris as an Illini hero.

Tim Kelly
Orland Park, Ill.
Sandburg

High School:
Was an All-State miler his senior season ...All-sectional senior season ...Sectional mile champion senior year ...All conference junior and senior years ...All-region three years ...Qualified for the state cross country meet sophomore through senior seasons ...Earned three letters in cross country and three in track ...Qualified for state in the 4X800 as a junior

Personal:
Full given name is Timothy Michael Kelly ...Nickname is TK ...Parents are Thomas and MaryAnn Kelly ...Born 10/25/84 ...Has one sister ...Biggest thrill in sports was qualifying for the state finals in the mile ...Majoring in engineering ...Favorite athlete is Lance Armstrong because of his determination ...Enjoys playing the guitar ... Ron Zinn award recipient ...Earned high honors every year in high school.2003: Ran a season-best 8K time of 26:45 at the Cowboy Jamboree ... Also ran at the Pack-It-Up Illini Challenge.

Ed Murray
Arlington Heights, Ill.
Prospect

High School:
Three-time all-conference selection in track and cross country ... Placed 30th in the Illinois High School Association Class AA cross country meet in 2002, while his team finished fourth ... Earned four letters in cross country, four in track and one in basketball ... Teammate of current Illini Dan Stock ... Coach was Mike Stokes ... Best three-mile time is 15:14

Personal:
Full given name is Edward James Murray III ... Son of Ed Murray Jr. ... Born Jan. 23, 1985 ... Has one brother, Mike and one sister, Megan ... Father, Ed Jr. played football at Illinois and grandfather Ed Sr. played basketball and competed in track and field at Loyola University ... Lists his father as being most influential in his athletic career ... Was on the honor roll each semester in high school ... Graduated with honors ... Member of the National Honor Society

Personal Bests:
8,000 meter: 26:45

Dan Stock
Arlington Heights, Ill.
Prospect

High School:
Voted All-State and All-Conference his senior year and All-Conference his sophomore year ... Placed 22nd in the Illinois High School Association Class AA cross country meet in 2002 while his team placed fourth ... Won the Senior Knightship award ... Earned three letters in cross country and four in track ... Teammate of current Illini Ed Murray ... Coach was Mike Stokes

Personal:
Full given name is Daniel Robert Stock ... Son of David and Diane Stock ... Born Feb. 21, 1985 ... Has one sister, Jessica ... Majoring in Business ... Biggest thrill in sports is qualifying for the state cross country meet and finishing fourth place as a team in 2002 ... Favorite athlete is Billy Mills because through self belief he accomplished what everyone else thought was impossible ... Was on the honor roll each semester in high school ... An Illinois State Scholar ... Member of the National Honor Society.

Justin Aronson
Arlington Heights, Ill.
Prospect

High School:
Earned three letters for cross country and three letters for track... All conference his senior year... Conference champion in 1600m and 3200m his senior year... High school coach was Ray McLarty.

Personal:
Full name is Justin Andrew Aronson... Born 3/10/85 in Rockford, Ill. ...Parents are Jeff and Teri Aronson... Majoring in General Engineering... Has two sisters, Katie and Danielle.

Ian Clausen
Wheaton, Ill.
Wheaton North

High School:
Four-time letterwinner in both cross country and track... Two-time all-conference in cross country... Finished third in the 1600m run at the conference meet as a junior; finished fourth at the conference meet the next year in the same event... Helped lead team to third place finishes in the state track meet in both 2002 and 2004... High school coaches were Jim Martin and Nate Roe... Ran a 21 second PR at the state cross country meet.

Personal:
Full given name is Ian Arthur Clausen... Born on November 8, 1985... Parents are Arthur and Wanda Clausen... Majoring in religious studies... Enjoys reading, writing and playing jazz music... Has one brother and two sisters... Was an Illinois State Scholar, a Wendy's High School Heisman nominee and graduated in the top 5% of his class... Has been recognized as James Scholar Designee, Chancellor's Scholar and Cohn Scholar for Class of 2008.

Matthew Flaherty
Springfield, Ill.
Chatham Glenwood

High School:
Earned all-conference honors four years in cross country and three seasons in track... Was a member of four cross country conference championship teams and two track conference championship teams... Won four varsity letters in track and four in cross country... Ran for coaches Mike Johnson and Jay Rogers.

Personal:
Full name is Matthew Alan Flaherty... Goes by Matt... Nicknames include Mini Beast, T-Bone and Frodo... Majoring in civil engineering... Parents are Kurt and JoAnn Flaherty... Has one sister, Melanie... Active in the hackey sack club... Enjoys watching the O.C., playing footbag and playing the piano... Biggest sports thrill was winning the 1600m at the conference track meet as a junior, which helped his team win its first ever conference championship... Past summer jobs include working at Office Depot, SAM's Club and Burger King... His mom most influenced his sports career by forcing him to join cross country in sixth grade... Academic honors include being named a James Scholar (2004), a Glenwood Scholar (2003), an Illinois State Scholar (2003) and a National Merit Award semi-finalist.

Ryan Giuliano
Schaumburg, Ill.
Conant

High School:
Earned four letters in cross country, four in wrestling, and three in track... All conference and State qualifier for cross country his senior year... High School coach was John Powers... Sixth in state for wrestling... All-State Academic Athlete.

Personal:
Full given name is Ryan Michael Giuliano... Born 12/13/84 in Park Ridge, Ill.... Parents are Gerard and Deborah Giuliano... Has three brothers... Hobbies include playing guitar and being with friends... Favorite athlete is Steve Prefontaine because of his work ethic and determination... Athletic career was most influenced by his brother Jerry... Member of the National Honor Society

Michael Kelley
Rockford, Ill.
Winnebago

High School:
Cross country state runner-up in 2002...State champion in the 1600m run in 2003...Named All-State four years...Contributed to state champion cross country team in 2002...Won four letters in cross country and track, and two in basketball while attending Winnebago High

Personal:
Full given name is Michael Lynch Kelley...Son of Ken and Christine Kelley...Born July 15, 1984, in Cataldo, ID...Brother Brian runs cross country and track for Wisconsin-Oshkosh...Favorite athlete is Muhammad Ali because he was a winner and was entertaining...Graduated eighth in his high school class and held a perfect 4.0 GPA his last five semesters...Growing up, had Kiwane Garris as an Illini hero.

Tim Kelly
Orland Park, Ill.
Sandburg

High School:
Was an All-State miler his senior season ...All-sectional senior season ...Sectional mile champion senior year ...All conference junior and senior years ...All-region three years ...Qualified for the state cross country meet sophomore through senior seasons ...Earned three letters in cross country and three in track ...Qualified for state in the 4X800 as a junior

Personal:
Full given name is Timothy Michael Kelly ...Nickname is TK ...Parents are Thomas and MaryAnn Kelly ...Born 10/25/84 ...Has one sister ...Biggest thrill in sports was qualifying for the state finals in the mile ...Majoring in engineering ...Favorite athlete is Lance Armstrong because of his determination ...Enjoys playing the guitar ... Ron Zinn award recipient ...Earned high honors every year in high school.2003: Ran a season-best 8K time of 26:45 at the Cowboy Jamboree ... Also ran at the Pack-It-Up Illini Challenge.

Ed Murray
Arlington Heights, Ill.
Prospect

High School:
Three-time all-conference selection in track and cross country ... Placed 30th in the Illinois High School Association Class AA cross country meet in 2002, while his team finished fourth ... Earned four letters in cross country, four in track and one in basketball ... Teammate of current Illini Dan Stock ... Coach was Mike Stokes ... Best three-mile time is 15:14

Personal:
Full given name is Edward James Murray III ... Son of Ed Murray Jr. ... Born Jan. 23, 1985 ... Has one brother, Mike and one sister, Megan ... Father, Ed Jr. played football at Illinois and grandfather Ed Sr. played basketball and competed in track and field at Loyola University ... Lists his father as being most influential in his athletic career ... Was on the honor roll each semesrer in high school ... Graduated with honors ... Member of the National Honor Society

Personal Bests:
8,000 meter: 26:45

Dan Stock
Arlington Heights, Ill.
Prospect

High School:
Voted All-State and All-Conference his senior year and All-Conference his sophomore year ... Placed 22nd in the Illinois High School Association Class AA cross country meet in 2002 while his team placed fourth ... Won the Senior Knightship award ... Earned three letters in cross country and four in track ... Teammate of current Illini Ed Murray ... Coach was Mike Stokes

Personal:
Full given name is Daniel Robert Stock ... Son of David and Diane Stock ... Born Feb. 21, 1985 ... Has one sister, Jessica ... Majoring in Business ... Biggest thrill in sports is qualifying for the state cross country meet and finishing fourth place as a team in 2002 ... Favorite athlete is Billy Mills because through self belief he accomplished what everyone else thought was impossible ... Was on the honor roll each semester in high school ... An Illinois State Scholar ... Member of the National Honor Society.

Justin Aronson
Arlington Heights, Ill.
Prospect

High School:
Earned three letters for cross country and three letters for track... All conference his senior year... Conference champion in 1600m and 3200m his senior year... High school coach was Ray McLarty.

Personal:
Full name is Justin Andrew Aronson... Born 3/10/85 in Rockford, Ill. ...Parents are Jeff and Teri Aronson... Majoring in General Engineering... Has two sisters, Katie and Danielle.

Ian Clausen
Wheaton, Ill.
Wheaton North

High School:
Four-time letterwinner in both cross country and track... Two-time all-conference in cross country... Finished third in the 1600m run at the conference meet as a junior; finished fourth at the conference meet the next year in the same event... Helped lead team to third place finishes in the state track meet in both 2002 and 2004... High school coaches were Jim Martin and Nate Roe... Ran a 21 second PR at the state cross country meet.

Personal:
Full given name is Ian Arthur Clausen... Born on November 8, 1985... Parents are Arthur and Wanda Clausen... Majoring in religious studies... Enjoys reading, writing and playing jazz music... Has one brother and two sisters... Was an Illinois State Scholar, a Wendy's High School Heisman nominee and graduated in the top 5% of his class... Has been recognized as James Scholar Designee, Chancellor's Scholar and Cohn Scholar for Class of 2008.

Matthew Flaherty
Springfield, Ill.
Chatham Glenwood

High School:
Earned all-conference honors four years in cross country and three seasons in track... Was a member of four cross country conference championship teams and two track conference championship teams... Won four varsity letters in track and four in cross country... Ran for coaches Mike Johnson and Jay Rogers.

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Art Glaz
Palos Hills, Ill.
Stagg

High School:
Earned four letters in cross country and track... Earned all-conference honors as a junior and senior in track... All-state track honoree by finishing sixth in the 3200m run as a senior... Made all-region team as both a junior and senior... Track team MVP and captain senior year... High school coaches were Mike Fahey and Jim Newquist.

Personal:
Full given name is Arthur Glaz... Goes by Art... Born on January 25, 1986... Parents are Marian and Grace Glaz... Has one brother and one sister... Majoring in biology... Favorite athlete is Lance Armstrong for his drive, determination and work ethic... Plans to get a masters degree, then teach and coach at the high school level... Member of the National Honor Society... Brother most influenced his athletic career because he sets his goals according to what his brother had achieved.

William McCann
Decatur, Ill.
Decatur MacArthur

High School:
AAU national cross country champion in 2000... USATF 1500m champion in 2001... Four year letterwinner in both cross country and track... School record holder in the 800m, 1600m, 3200m and 3-mile... All-state in cross as a senior and in track his junior and senior seasons... State runner-up at the 2003 state cross country meet... Finished second in the state in the 1600m run in 2004... Helped lead team to conference championship as a freshman, sophomore and junior in both cross country and track... High school coach was Bill Harbeck.

Personal:
Full given name is William McCann... Born on March 28, 1986... Parenrs are Paul and Becky... Major is undecided... Has one sister... Worked in the past as a groundskeeper for a baseball league in his hometown of Decatur... Says he grew up warching the Illini basketball players on TV, so has always loved Illinois... Aunt, Martha McCann swam for four years at the University of North Carolina... Hobbies include sports, computers and hanging out with friends.

Seth Pilkington
Roy, Utah
Roy

High School:
Five-rime Utah State Champion... Earned four letters in cross country, three in track, and one in soccer... Golden West Invitational Champion in the 3200m run... Sixth in the Foot Locker Cross-Country National Championships... Three-rime All-American... Utah state record holder in the 1600m and 3200m... High School coach was his dad.

Personal:
Full name is Seth Pilkington... Born 3/15/83 in Roy, Utah... Parents are Paul and Darby Pilkington... Has one brother and one sister... Majoring in Biology... Sister, Erin, is a freshman on the Fighting Illini soccer team.

Personal Bests:
8,000 meter: 24:58

Maciek Sniegorski
Gliwice, Poland
Liceum Ogolnoksztalcace

High School:
Regional champion from 2002-04 in the 1500m, 3000m and cross country runs... Earned silver medal at the U-19 national cross country championships in 2002.

Personal:
Full given name is Maciej Adam Sniegorski... Goes by Maciek... Born on February 7, 1983... Parents are Adam and Jadwiga Sniegorksi... Hails from Gliwice, Poland... Majoring in sociology... Has three sisters, Marta (20), Malgosia (10) and Maria (5)... Interests include politics and music... Says his father most influenced his athletic career because he encouraged Maciek to run in his group... Favorite athlete is Michael Jordan.

Brad Topol
LaGrange, Ill.
Lyons

High School:
Won four varsity letters in cross country, three in track... Won conference championship in the 800m as a senior and junior, as well as the 1600m as a junior... Earned second place in the 4x400m run at conference... Finished sixth in conference cross country meet as a sophomore... Helped lead team to second in the state cross country meet in 2003... Was an all-state runner for cross country as a sophomore and junior; all-state in track as a junior and senior.

Personal:
Full given name is Bradley Dean Topol... Goes by Brad... Born on October 11, 1985... Parents are Sterling and Myrna Topol... Nickname is "Topes"... Says his biggest thrill in sports is winning "in the kick"... Has one brother... Enjoys mountain biking, hiking, camping and singing... Majoring in civil engineering... Favorite athlere is Billy Mills – the only American to medal in the 10,000m in the Olympics... Father played two years of tennis at UIC... Was an Illinois State Scholar and a member of the National Honor Society... Earned the Golden Chevron Award and was recognized as a Chicago Tribune Scholar-Athlete... Parents have been most influential because they've always been supportive and positive.

Eric Wallor
Palatine, Ill.
Fremd/Harper College

Junior College:
Attended Harper Junior College in Palentine, Ill. ...2003 NJCAA Divison III National Champion... Five-time All-American.

High School:
Earned two letters in track and one in cross country... High school coach was Mike Bruce.

Personal:
Full given name is Eric James Wallor... Born 2/12/83 in Elk Grove, Ill. ...Majoring in Sports Management... Parenrs are Jim and Ann Wallor... Has one sister... Hobbies include playing and watching sports as well as spending time with friends... Athletic career was most influenced by his father... Favorite athlete is Michael Jordan because he's a winner.

Dan Walters
Lisle, Ill.
Naperville North

High School:
Won two varsity letters in cross country and one in track... Helped lead team to sectional championship in 2002... Conference team champions in cross country in 2003... Helped cross country team finish 18th in the state meet in 2002... Led team to 6th place finish in the state cross country meet in 2003.

Personal:
Full given name is Daniel Ryan Walters... Born on October 9, 1985 in Orlando, Fla.... Parents are Dave and Janet Walters... Has one brother, Matt (14)... Majoring in mechanical engineering... His father, former Illini Dave Walters, helped shape his athletic career by being patient and motivating him and is his Fighting Illini hero... Dad ran track and cross country at Illinois 1974-79, was an All-American in cross in 1977, competed in the U.S. Olympic Trials in the marathon in 1988 and currently is a world-class duathlete who has won the world championships twice in his age group... Was an Illinois State Scholar and finished third at the Illinois Drafting Educators Association Competition in 2003.

Fighting Illini cross country opened a new era in 2003 when Paul Pilkington was handed the program's reins. With sophomore Jason Bill and freshman Trent Hoerr leading the way for the young squad, the Illini posted four top-ten finishes including a second place showing at the season-opening Missouri Cross Country.

Bill, coming off strong freshman campaign, picked up where he left off, winning the Missouri Cross Country Challenge. Following him were Kris Cunningham in sixth place, Jon Houseworth in seventh, Eric Tietz in ninth and Adam Palumbo in tenth. For Bill, it marked the fourth consecutive meet he was the team's top finisher, dating back to his fifth race as a freshman. By the end of the season Bill had made it nine straight top finishes, after leading the Illini in every meet last season.

After his performance at the Missouri Challenge, Bill was named Big Ten Athlete of the Week, the first such award of his career. At the Great American Cross Country Festival, Bill ran an outstanding race, placing fourth individually in the 22-team field.

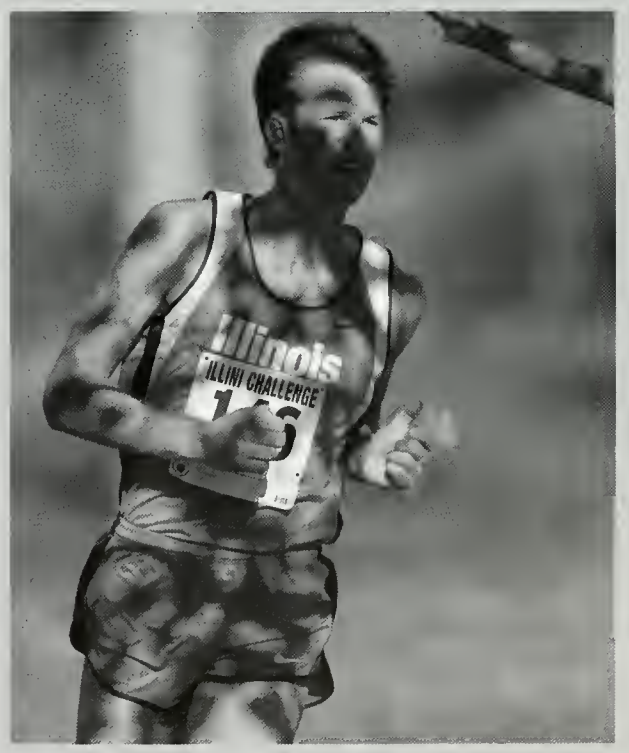
The Fighting Illini had a successful meet at the Cowboy Jamboree, as freshman Trent Hoerr made his debut, finishing second on the team and 24th overall and Bill and Cunningham turned in personal best marks. Bill navigated the 8,000 meter course in 24:37 on his way to a 12th place showing while Cunningham matched his career best, running 25:25 to take 26th in the field of 222 runners. Those efforts helped the Illini to sixth place in the 26-team field.

At the Orange and Blue's only home meet of the season, the Pack-It-Up Illini Challenge, the squad excelled, placing five runners in the top 11 and two in the top three. Bill notched his second victory on the season while Hoerr nabbed third for his best finish of the year. Other Illini highlights were Cunningham running seventh, Houseworth tenth and Palumbo 11th.

In the Big Ten Championships, the Fighting Illini finished ninth. Once again, Bill (40th) and Hoerr (41st) ran one-two for the Illini while Cunninham was the team's third scorer, followed by senior Brent Pfeiffer and Tim Hobbs. Hobbs' time of 25:50.6 set a career best for the UI sophomore.

The Illini wrapped up their season at the NCAA Midwest Regional Championships, placing eighth in the 24-team field. Bill was the squad's top performer on the 10,000m course, taking 15th despite battling a side stitch which hampered him the second half of the season, causing pain in each step. Hoerr was next to cross the line for the Illini, finishing 27th, which made him the top freshman finisher in the race. Cunningham continued his consistent scoring, coming in as the third scorer, while Pfeiffer was the fourth and Houseworth the fifth and final scorer.

In February of 2004, Hoerr made UI history when he placed third in the Junior Men's 8K race at the USA Cross Country Championships and became the first Illinois runner to qualify for the U.S. Junior Men's Team. Because of his performance, Hoerr represented the United States at the IAAF World Cross Country Championships in Brussels, Belgium, placing fifth on the team, which was made up of the top American collegiate and high school runners.



Jon Houseworth is expected to be a valuable scorer for the Illini this season.

2003 RETURNING INDIVIDUAL MEET RESULTS

JASON BILL

Meet (Date)	Finish	Distance	Time
NCAA Midwest Regional (11/15/03)	15th	10K	31:37
Big Ten Championships (11/2/03)	40th	8K	25:22.0
Pack-It-Up Illini Challenge (10/18/03)	1st	8K	25:01.29
Cowboy Jamboree (10/4/03)	12th	8K	24:37
Great American Festival (9/26/03)	4th	8K	25:52
Missouri Challenge (9/6/03)	1st	8K	25:01.99

KRIS CUNNINGHAM

Meet (Date)	Finish	Distance	Time
NCAA Midwest Regional (11/15/03)	36th	10K	32:18
Big Ten Championships (11/2/03)	44th	8K	25:32.1
Pack-It-Up Illini Challenge (10/18/03)	7th	8K	25:26.78
Cowboy Jamboree (10/4/03)	26th	8K	25:25
Great American Festival (9/26/03)	92nd	8K	27:47
Missouri Challenge (9/6/03)	6th	8K	25:45.24

TIM HOBBS

Meet (Date)	Finish	Distance	Time
NCAA Midwest Regional (11/15/03)	85th	10K	33:28
Big Ten Championships (11/2/03)	57th	8K	25:50.6
Pack-It-Up Illini Challenge (10/18/03)	27th	8K	26:19.43

TRENT HOERR

Meet (Date)	Finish	Distance	Time
NCAA Midwest Regional (11/15/03)	27th	10K	32:05
Big Ten Championships (11/2/03)	41st	8K	25:23.2
Pack-It-Up Illini Challenge (10/18/03)	3rd	8K	25:08.09
Cowboy Jamboree (10/4/03)	24th	8K	25:19

JON HOUSEWORTH

Meet (Date)	Finish	Distance	Time
NCAA Midwest Regional (11/15/03)	74th	10K	33:09
Big Ten Championships (11/2/03)	N/A	8K	26:52.7
Pack-It-Up Illini Challenge (10/18/03)	10th	8K	25:36.52
Cowboy Jamboree (10/4/03)	64th	8K	26:04
Great American Festival (9/26/03)	120th	8K	28:42
Missouri Challenge (9/6/03)	7th	8K	25:52.59

ED MURRAY

Meet (Date)	Finish	Distance	Time
Pack-It-Up Illini Challenge (10/18/03)	41st	8K	27:25.45
Cowboy Jamboree (10/4/03)	N/A	8K	26:45

Purdue Open (6,000 meters)
Purdue University • West Lafayette, Ind. • Aug. 30, 2003

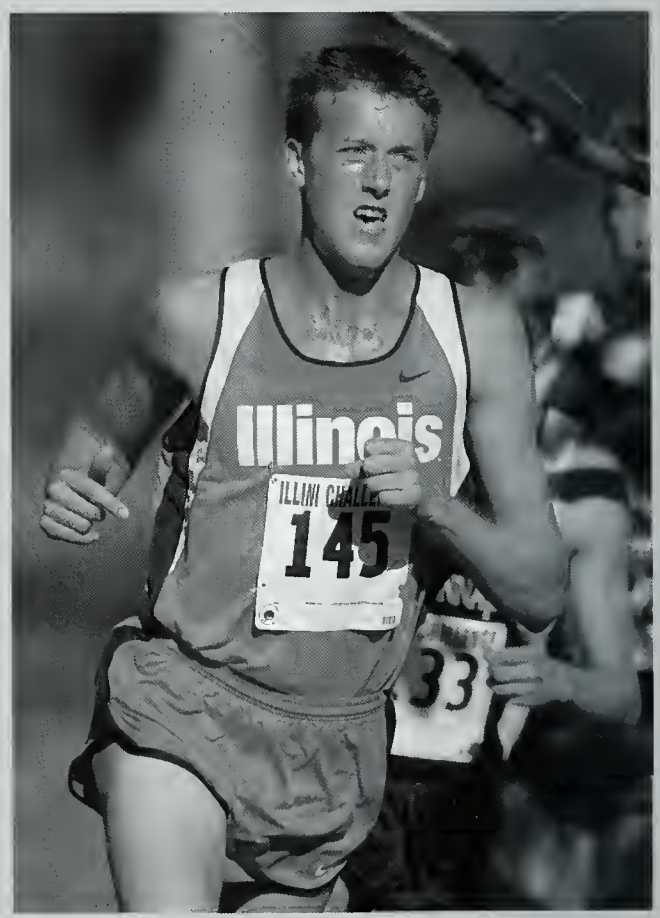
No Team Scores

Illinois Individuals
3. Eric Tietz, 19:59.8; 7. Brent Pfeiffer, 20:27.4; 11. Rich Calvario, 20:57.6; 12. Kevin Kuhlman, 21:18.1; 17. Tim Moran, 21:39.9; 19. Jimmy Kinn, 21:56.6.

Missouri Cross Country Challenge (8,000 meters)
University of Missouri • Columbia, Mo. • Sept. 6, 2003

Men's team scores (second of four)
1. Missouri, 22; 2. ILLINOIS, 33; 3. SE Missouri; 4. Bradley, 101

Illinois Individuals
1. Jason Bill 25:01.99; 6. Kris Cunningham, 25:45.24; 7. Jon Houseworth, 25:52.59;9. Eric Tietz 26:01.28; 10. Adam Palumbo 26:02.84; 13. Brent Pfeiffer 26:23.84; 18. Rich Calvario, 27:26.93.



Tim Hobbs was Illinois' fifth scorer at last season's Big Ten Championships.

Great American Cross Country Festival (8,000 meters)
Cary, N.C. • Sept. 26, 2003

Men's team scores (14th of 22)
1. Northern Arizona, 114; 2. Central Michigan, 122; 3. Ohio State, 136; 4. Michigan, 145; 5. Virginia, 146; 6. Villanova, 170; 7. Texas A&M, 193; 8. NC State, 209; 9. Duke, 226; 10. Navy, 232; 11. Florida State, 239; 12. Army, 266; 13. Butler, 283; 14. ILLINOIS, 368; 15. North Carolina, 408; 16. Delaware, 425; 17. New Mexico, 471; 18. High Point, 487; 19. Liberty, 502; 20. East Tennessee State, 527; 21. Norfolk State, 574; 22. Miami (FL), 579

Illinois Individuals
4. Jason Bill 25:52; 80. Adam Palumbo 27:32; 88. Brent Pfeiffer 27:42; 92. Kris Cunningham, 27:47; 108. Rich Calvario, 28:07; 120. Jon Houseworth, 28:42; 147. Eric Tietz 29:49.

Cowboy Jamboree (8,000 meters)
Oklahoma State University • Stillwater, Okla. • Oct. 4, 2003

Men's team scores (sixth of 25)
1. Georgia, 85; 2. Arkansas, 94; 3. Kansas, 117; 4. Oklahoma State, 143; 5. Abilene Christian, 186; 6. ILLINOIS,189; 7. Stephen F. Austin, 288; 8. Ft. Hays State, 297; 9. Wichita State, 297; 10. Kansas State, 311; 11. Nebraska Wesleyan, 317; 12. Missouri Southern, 320; 13. Tulsa, 341; 14. Texas Tech, 362; 15. Southwest Missouri, 370; 16. Sam Houston, 374; 17. Midamerica Nazarene, 399. 18. Central Missouri, 448; 19. Cowley, 517; 20. Texas Chirstian, 521; 21. Northwood, 525; 22. Oklahoma, 530; Southern Methodist, 540; 24. Lamar, 704; 25. Haskell Indian Nations, 786.

Illinois Individuals
12. Jason Bill 24:37; 24. Trent Hoerr, 25:19; 26. Kris Cunningham, 25:25; 27. Eric Tietz 25:35; 50. Brent Pfeiffer 25:53; 64. Jon Houseworth, 26:04; 67. Adam Palumbo 26:18; Rich Calvario, 26:35; Ed Murray 26:45.

Pack-It-Up Illini Challenge (8,000 meters)
University of Illinois • Urbana, Ill. • Oct. 18. 2003

Men's team scores
No Team Scores

Illinois Individuals
1. Jason Bill 25:01.29; 3. Trent Hoerr, 25:08.09; 7. Kris Cunningham, 25:26.78; 10. Jon Houseworth 25:36.52; 11. Adam Palumbo 25:37.33; 17. Eric Tietz, 25:58.81; 21. Brent Pfeiffer, 26:10.41; 22. Rich Calvario, 26:10.75; 27. Tim Hobbs, 26:19.43; 41. Ed Murray 27:25.45.

Big Ten Championships (8,000 meters)
Michigan State University • East Lansing, Mich. • Nov. 2, 2003

Men's team scores (ninth of 10)

1. Wisconsin, 40; 2. Michigan, 57; 3. Indiana, 90; 4. Ohio State, 93; 5. Iowa, 144; 6. Minnesota, 159; 7. Penn State, 218; 7. Michigan State, 218; 9. ILLINOIS, 233; 10. Purdue, 278.

Illinois Individuals
40. Jason Bill 25:22.0; 41. Trent Hoerr, 25:23.2; 44. Kris Cunningham, 25:32.1; 51. Brent Pfeiffer, 25:43.9; 57. Tim Hobbs, 25:50.6; 59. Adam Palumbo 26:02.0; 60. Eric Tietz, 26:05.4; Rich Calvario, 26:09.0; Jon Houseworth 26:52.7.

NCAA Midwest Regional (10,000 meters)
Oklahoma State University • Stillwater, Okla. • Nov. 15, 2003

Men's team scores (third of 24)
1. Oklahoma State, 78; 2. Minnesota, 89; 3. Iowa, 129; 4. Kansas, 136; 5. Loyola, 139; 6. Oklahoma, 178; 7. Missouri, 191; 8. ILLINOIS, 199; 9. Drake, 212; 10. Northern Iowa, 273; 11. Easrern Illinois, 316; 12. Tulsa, 328; 13. Kansas State, 342; 14. Southern Illinois, 367; 15. Wichita State, 387; 16. Southwest Missouri State, 390; 17. DePaul, 394; 18. Nebraska, 412; 19. Illinois-Chicago, 527; 20. Western Illinois, 535; 21. Saint Louis, 594; 22. Bradley, 595.

Jason Bill has been Illinois' top runner since his freshman season.

Top 20 Individuals
1. Mindaugas Pukstas, Oklahoma State, 30:39; 2. Benson Chesang, Kansas, 30:41; 3. Mathew Chesang, Kansas State, 31:02; 4. Jason Woolhouse, Oklahoma State, 31:05; 5.Brent Wilberts, Drake, 31:07; 6. Luke Mullranin, Minnesora, 31:17; 7. Brian Rae, Iowa, 31:19; 8. Scott Rantall, Oklahoma State, 31:22; 9. Antonio Vega, Minnesora, 31:24; 10. Matt Esche, Iowa, 31:26; 11. Chris Jones, Kansas, 31:28; 12. Tim Ross, Missouri, 31:33, 13. Robert Wade, Loyola, 31:35; 14. Rogers Kipchumba, Kansas State, 31:36; 15. JASON BILL, ILLINOIS, 31:37; 16. Silverus Kimeli, Oklahoma, 31:40; 17. Velibor Radojevic, Northern Iowa, 31:41; 18. Joe McNair, Oklahoma, 31:42; 19. Cameron Schwehr, Kansas, 31:43; 20. Andrew McQuillan, Loyola, 31:47.

Illinois Individuals

15. Jason Bill, 31:37; 27. Trent Hoerr, 32:05; 36. Kris Cunningham, 32:18; 47. Brent Pfeiffer, 32:33; 74. Jon Houseworth, 33:09; 85. Tim Hobbs, 33:28; 133. Eric Tietz, 36:11.

Illinois at the Big Ten Championship Top-10 Individual Finishes

Runner	Place	Time	Year
*Craig Virgin	1st	23:16.7	1976
*Craig Virgin	1st	23.04.5	1975
*Craig Virgin	1st	30:11.0	1974
*Craig Virgin	1st	28:30.8	1973
Allen Carius	1st	19:39.4	1963
Allen Carius	1st	19:45.2	1962
Vic Twomey	1st	21:28.9	1945
R. Woolsey	1st	21:03	1932
Len Sitko	2nd	24:41.7	1990
Kerry Dickson	2nd	24:07.4	1981
Rick Gross	2nd	30:01	1971
V. Twomey	2nd	20:40	1948
J. Twomey	2nd	20:49	1947
David Halle	3rd	24:26	1987
Ty Wolf	3rd	30:25	1984
Kerry Dickson	3rd	24:23	1980
Mike Durkin	3rd	28:53	1973
Rick Gross	3rd	24:49	1970
Karl Jonsson	3rd	20:53	1956
Karl Jonsson	3rd	19:50	1955
J. Twomey	3rd	21:12	1946
C. Dunn	3rd	21:54	1942
Len Sitko	4th	24:33	1989
Ken Howse	4th	26:11	1969
Ken Brown	4th	19:47	1960
Jim Bowers	4th	20:46	1958
C. Dunn	4th	20:52	1941
Jason Zieren	5th	25:11.2	1996
V. Sheuring	5th	20:40	1954
Barry Pearman	6th	25:10.6	1996
Dave Halle	6th	24:26	1986
Jeff Jacobs	6th	23:57	1983
Jim Bowers	6th	20:40	1959
Karl Jonsson	6th	21:50	1957
George Lynch	6th	20:33	1950
John Kronforst	7th	24:13.2	2001
Jim Eicken	7th	24:44	1978
V. Twomey	7th	21:26	1949
W.C. Gould	8th	27:21	1930
Marko Koers	9th	25:14.2	1995
Eric Henson	9th	25:05.1	1994
Harold Winship	9th	25:00	1977
Ken Howse	9th	25:33	1968
P. Steinberg	10th	22:26	1944

*First four-time champion in Big Ten history

All-Big Ten Performers

(Since 1984)

Runner	Place	Time	Year
John Kronforst	7th	24:13.2	2001
Barry Pearman	5th	25:10.6	1996
Jason Zieren	6th	25:11.2	1996
Len Sitko	2nd	24:41.7	1990
Len Sitko	4th	24:33	1989
David Halle	3rd	24:46	1987
David Halle	6th	24:26	1986
Ty Wolf	3rd	30:25	1984

R. Woolsey

Phil Steinberg

Dave Halle

Jason Zieren

John Kronforst

Big Ten Championship Results (Since 1930)

Year	Big 10 (Pts.) Champion	Illinois (Pts.) Finish	Top Illini (Finish, Time)
1930	Indiana (51)	Third (67)	W.C. Gould (8th, 27:21)
1931	Indiana (38)	Fourth (91)	R. Woolsey (11th, N/A)
1932	Indiana (42)	Second (68)	**R. Woolsey (1st, 21:03)**
1933	**Illinois (N/A)**	**First (N/A)**	**N/A**
1940	Indiana (31)	Fifth	Park Brown (11th, 23:07.0)
1941	Purdue (33)	Fourth (78)	C. Dunn (4th, 20:52)
1942	Indiana (34)	Second (69)	C. Dunn (3rd, 21:54)
1944	Wisconsin (38)	Fifth (99)	P. Steinberg (10th, 22:26)
1945	Wisconsin (43)	Fourth (83)	**V. Twomey (1st, 21:28.9)**
1946	Wisc/Ind. (48)	Third (65)	J. Twomey (3rd, 21:12)
1947	**Illinois (47)**	**First (47)**	**J. Twomey (2nd, 20:49)**
1948	Wisconsin (44)	Second (66)	V. Twomey (2nd, 20:40)
1949	Wisconsin (49)	Second (55)	V. Twomey (7th, 21:26)
1950	Wisconsin (56)	Sixth (137)	George Lynch (6th, 20:33)
1954	Michigan (55)	Fourth (81)	V. Sheuring (5th, 20:40)
1955	Michigan St. (36)	Second (57)	Karl Jonsson (3rd, 19:50)
1956	Michigan St. (21)	Second (88)	Karl Jonsson (3rd, 20:53)
1957	Michigan St. (43)	Third (83)	Karl Jonsson (6th, 21:50)
1958	Michigan St. (43)	Fourth (77)	Jim Bowers (4th, 20:46)
1959	Michigan St. (56)	N/A	Jim Bowers (6th, 20:40)
1960	Michigan St. (30)	Seventh (137)	Ken Brown (4th, 19:47)
1961	Michigan St. (51)	N/A	Jim McElwee (14th, 20:48)
1962	Michigan St. (39)	Fourth (104)	**Allen Carius (1st, 19:45.2)**
1963	Michigan St. (39)	Fifth (106)	**Allen Carius (1st, 19:39.4)**
1965	Northwestern (40)	Seventh (154)	Dennis Krause (24th, 21:29)
1966	Iowa (41)	Eighth (200)	John Lamoreux (17th, 19:58)
1967	Indiana (56)	Tenth (251)	John Lamoreux (38th, 26:11)
1968	Michigan St. (70)	Sixth (120)	Ken Howse (9th, 25:33)
1969	Minnesota (40)	Second (73)	Ken Howse (4th, 26:11)
1970	Michigan St. (42)	Fourth (82)	Rick Gross (3rd, 24:49)
1971	Michigan St. (74)	Fifth (109)	Rick Gross (2nd, 30:01)
1972	Indiana (39)	Eighth (204)	Mike Durkin (28th, 32:15)
1973	Indiana (49)	Fourth (100)	**Craig Virgin (1st, 28:30.8)**
1974	Michigan (42)	Third (75)	**Craig Virgin (1st, 30:11.0)**
1975	Michigan (41)	Fourth (78)	**Craig Virgin (1st, 23:04.5)**
1976	Michigan (67)	Second (78)	**Craig Virgin (1st, 23:16.7)**
1977	Wisconsin (52)	T-Second (75)	Harold Winship (9th, 25:00)
1978	Wisconsin (24)	Fifth (109)	Jim Eicken (7th, 24:44)
1979	Wisconsin (56)	Fourth (98)	Walter Duffy (11th, 24:09)
1980	Indiana (44)	Third (70)	Kerry Dickson (3rd, 24:23)
1981	Wisconsin (27)	Second (60)	Kerry Dickson (2nd, 24:07.4)
1982	Wisconsin (29)	Fourth (114)	Greg Domanty (11th, 25:06)
1983	Wisconsin (19)	Fourth (88)	Jeff Jacobs (6th, 23:57)
1984	**Illinois (58)**	**First (58)**	**Ty Wolf (3rd, 30:25)**
1985	Wisconsin (26)	Fifth (139)	Paul Kivela (10th, 25:31)
1986	Wisconsin (48)	Second (70)	Dave Halle (6th, 24:26)
1987	Wisconsin (41)	Second (73)	Dave Halle (3rd, 24:46)
1988	Wisconsin (30)	Fourth (129)	Andy Homoly (18th, 25:04)
1989	Wisconsin (40)	Second (82)	Len Sitko (4th, 24:33)
1990	Wisconsin (53)	Fourth (91)	Len Sitko (2nd, 24:41.7)
1991	Wisconsin (25)	Fifth (143)	Andy Homoly (16th, 25:38.4)
1992	Wisconsin (31)	Fourth (140)	Bill West (17th, 25:02)
1993	Michigan (50)	Eighth (201)	Dan Nolan (35th, 25:46.02)
1994	Wisconsin (42)	Fourth (101)	Eric Henson (9th, 25:05.1)
1995	Wisconsin (37)	Fourth (127)	Marko Koers (9th, 25:14.2)
1996	Wisconsin (55)	Fourth (106)	Barry Pearman (6th, 25:10.6)
1997	Michigan (29)	Ninth (217)	Rob Winfield (32nd, 25:32)
1998	Michigan (50)	Eighth (192)	Scott McClennan (22nd, 25:30)
1999	Wisconsin (38)	Eighth (187)	Mike Lucchesi (27th, 26:26.3)
2000	Wisconsin (45)	Tenth (239)	Ryan Eason, (36th, 25:20)
2001	Wisconsin (28)	Tenth (231)	John Kronforst, (7th, 24:13.2)
2002	Wisconsin (25)	Eighth (201)	Jason Bill (21st, 24:48.2)
2003	Wisconsin (40)	Ninth (233)	Jason Bill (40th, 25:22.0)

History of Illinois Cross Country

The University of Illinois has had a strong and successful program ever since the early 1900s. Several great runners have made significant contributions throughout these successful years. Most recently, Len Sitko owned the spotlight. Sitko finished second in the 1990 Big Ten meet and went on to earn All-America honors with a 22nd-place finish at the NCAA meet.

In the 1980s, UI won one Big Ten crown and finished second on four other occasions. The premier runners of the decade were All-Americans Kerry Dickson, Jeff Jacobs, Greg Domantay, Ty Wolf and Joe Leuchtmann.

The '70s were dominated by great individual performances. In 1971, Rick Gross finished second in the Big Ten and ninth in the nation. Jim Eicken earned All-America honors in 1978, and Mike Durkin finished third in the conference and 18th in the nation in 1973.

Craig Virgin was synonymous with success in the early 1970s. He was the first runner in Big Ten history to become a four-time cross country champion, winning the crown from 1973-76. Virgin also won the 1975 NCAA championship and went on to win the cross country world championship in 1980 and '81.

Preceding Virgin in the 1960's were All-Americans Ken Brown, Allen Carius and Ken Howse. In 1960, Brown finished fourth in both the Big Ten and the nation. Howse garnered All-American status in 1969 after a fourth in the Big Ten and 37th nationally. The dominant Fighting Illini runner in the '60s was Allen Carius. In 1962 and 63, Carius repeated as the Big Ten champion as well as the national champion. He stands as the only to win back-to-back Big Ten and national crowns .

Each year, most of these former athletes, along with dozens of other Illinois cross country alumni (and their families) from all decades, return to Champaign-Urbana one weekend during the fall to keep the Fighting Illini tradition alive. The returnees annually challenge the current team to an exhibition meet.

Trent Hoerr became the first Illini to qualify for the USA Junior Men's Cross Country team.

Craig Virgin won the Big Ten four consecutive years.

NCAA Regional Results

Year	Regional (Pts) Champion	Illinois (Pts) Finish	Top Illini (Finish, Time)
1973	E. Michigan (81)	Ninth (223)	Craig Virgin (3rd, 29:22)
1974	E. Michigan (33)	Sixth (176)	Craig Virgin (1st, 28:42.8)
1975	Wisconsin (58)	Fourth (94)	Craig Virgin (1st, 23:05.5)
1976	Illinois (47)	First (47)	Craig Virgin (1st, 29:04.4)
1977	Wisconsin (85)	Third (97)	Jim Eicken (6th, 31:40)
1978	Wisconsin (46)	Sixth (187)	Jim Eicken (5th, 30:32.8)
1979	Indiana (84)	Eighth (190)	Walter Duffy (16th, 32:51)
1980	Indiana (57)	Third (80)	Pete Ffitch (11th, 30:31)
1981	Wisconsin (60)	Third (129)	Walter Duffy (8th, 30:34)
1982	Wisconsin (32)	Eighth (236)	Greg Domantay (5th, 30:03.9)
1983	Wisconsin (36)	Fourth (147)	Kerry Dickson (13th, 30:48)
1984	Wisconsin (57)	Second (100)	Ty Wolf (6th, 29:55.0)
1985	Wisconsin (35)	Eighth (218)	David Halle (6th, 31:58.1)
1986	Wisconsin (59)	Second (91)	J. Leuchtmann (10th, 30:09.6)
1987	Wisconsin (66)	Fifth (134)	David Halle (12th, 30:44)
1988	Wisconsin (64)	Eighth (129)	Len Sitko (35th, 32:34.2)
1989	C. Michigan (80)	Eighth (242)	Neal Gassmann (30th, 32:12.7)
1990	Notre Dame (70)	Fourth (131)	Len Sitko (4th, 31:01.9)
1991	Wisconsin (61)	Sixth (185)	Andy Homoly (18th, 31:46)
1992	Wisconsin (52)	Sixth (222)	Jason West (17th, 32:42.1)
1993	Notre Dame (55)	12th (339)	Dan Mazur (48th, 33:55.9)
1994	Wisconsin (33)	Fourth (114)	Eric Henson (17th, 25:05.1)
1995	Wisconsin (52)	Fifth (228)	Marko Koers (7th, 31:27)
1996	Notre Dame (60)	Sixth (188)	Barry Pearman (3rd, 30:39)
1997	Oklahoma St. (86)	10th (269)	Scott McClennan (14th, 33:15)
1998	Oklahoma St. (42)	Fifth (221)	Scott McClennan (22nd, 31:47)
1999	Minnesota (56)	Fourth (155)	Scott McClennan (14th, 31:17)
2000	Oklahoma St. (68)	10th (284)	Mike Lucchesi, (31st, 31:21)
2001	Minnesota (78)	7th (185)	John Kronforst, (9th, 31:02)
2002	Iowa (79)	Third (153)	Jason Bill, (7th, 31:37.0)
2003	Oklahoma St. (78)	Eighth (189)	Jason Bill, (15th, 31:37.0)

Year-by Year Records

Year	Big Ten	Region	NCAA
Coach: Harry Gill			
1912	7th	---	---
1913	2nd	---	---
1915	5th	---	---
1919	7th	---	---
1920	2nd	---	---
1921	1st	---	---
1922	3rd	---	---
1923	2nd	---	---
1924	5th	---	---
1925	3rd	---	---
1926	4th	---	---
1927	2nd	---	---
1928	7th	---	---
1929	9th	---	---
1930	3rd	---	---
1931	4th	---	---
Coach: C.D. Werner			
1932	2nd	---	---
Coach: Don Seaton			
1933	1st	---	---
1934	---	---	---
1935	---	---	---
1936	---	---	---
Coach: Harry Gill			
1937	---	---	---
Coach: Harry Gill and Leo Johnson			
1938	5th	---	---
Coach: Harold Osborn			
1940	---	---	---
1941	4th	---	10th
1942	2nd	---	5th
1944	5th	---	---
Coach: Leo Johnson			
1945	4th	---	---
1946	3rd	---	---
1947	1st	---	---
1948	2nd	---	---
1949	2nd	---	8th
1950	6th	---	---
Coach: Ed Berneauer			
1954	4th	---	---
1955	2nd	---	---
1956	2nd	---	4th
1957	3rd	---	---
Coach: Leo Johnson			
1958	4th	---	---
1959	6th	---	---
1960	7th	---	---
Coach: Ed Berneauer			
1961	8th	---	---
Coach: Phil Coleman			
1962	4th	---	---
1963	5th	---	---
Coach: Robert Wright			
1965	7th	---	---
1966	8th	---	---
Coach: Gary Wieneke			
1967	10th	---	---
1968	6th	---	---
1969	2nd	---	5th
1970	4th	---	25th
1971	5th	---	---
1972	8th	---	---
1973	4th	9th	---
1974	3rd	6th	---
1975	4th	4th	10th
1976	2nd	1st	5th
1977	2nd-T	3rd	22nd
1978	5th	6th	---
1979	4th	8th	---
1980	3rd	3rd	21st
1981	2nd	3rd	10th
1982	4th	8th	---
1983	4th	4th	9th
1984	1st	2nd	14th
1985	5th	8th	---
1986	2nd	2nd	7th
1987	2nd	5th	---
1988	4th	8th	---
1989	2nd	8th	---
1990	4th	4th	---
1991	5th	6th	---
1992	4th	6th	---
1993	8th	12th	---
1994	4th	4th	---
1995	4th	5th	---
1996	4th	6th	---
1997	9th	10th	---
1998	8th	5th	---
1999	8th	4th	---
2000	10th	10th	---
2001	10th	7th	---
2002	8th	3rd	---
COACH PAUL PILKINGTON			
2003	9th	8th	

Top 10 Illinois Times by Distance

8,000 Meters

	Name	Time	Date	Meet
1.	Ty Wolf	23:43.0*	11/10/84	NCAA District IV Meet
2.	Jeff Jacobs	23:44.0	9/24/83	SIU/Wisconsin
3.	Kerry Dickson	23:59.0*	10/01/83	Illinois Invitational
	Mike Patton	23:59.0*	10/01/83	Illinois Invitational
5.	Wally Duffy	24:09.0	11/03/79	Big Ten Championships
6.	John Kronforst	24:13.2	10/28/01	Big Ten Championships
7.	Pete Ffitch	24:17.8	11/07/81	Big Ten Championships
8.	Jon Schmidt	24:24.0	11/03/79	Big Ten Championships
9.	Len Sitko	24:26.9	10/06/89	Notre Dame Invitational
10.	Dave Painter	24:27.0	11/03/79	Big Ten Championships

*on way to a longer distance

10,000 Meters

	Name	Time	Date	Meet
1.	Craig Virgin	28:26.6	11/22/76	NCAA Championships
2.	Dave Walters	29:44.0	11/13/76	NCAA District IV Meet
3.	Jim Eicken	29:48.0	11/22/76	NCAA Championships
4.	Mark Avery	29:51.0	11/22/76	NCAA Championships
5.	Ty Wolf	29:55.0	11/10/84	NCAA District IV Meet
6.	Len Sitko	29:58.0	11/19/90	NCAA Championships
7.	Greg Domantay	30:03.9	11/13/82	NCAA District IV Meet
	Mike Patton	30:03.9	10/01/83	Illinois Invitational
9.	Kerry Dickson	30:04.5	11/23/81	NCAA Championships
10.	Jeff Jacobs	30:06.0	10/01/83	Illinois Invitational

Academic All-Big Ten

2003 Jason Bill, Kris Cunningham, Brent Pfeiffer

2002: John Kronforst, Justin Mitchell, Bob Pligge, Aaron Wahls

2001: John Kronforst, Rich Lin, Justin Mitchell, Tim Seiwert, Aaron Wahls

2000: Ryan Eason, Caleb Grinter, Dan Horyn, Andrew Kurtz, Justin Mitchell, Aaron Wahls

1999: Ryan Eason, Caleb Grinter, Dan Horyn, John Kronforst, Scott McClennan, Justin Mitchell

1998: Chas Berckman, Ryan Eason, Dan Horyn, Scott McClennan

1997: Matt Hanley, Scott McClennan, Rob Winfield, Matt Yesko, Jason Zieren

1996: Brett Siglin, Rob Winfield, Jason Zieren

1995: Eric Henson, Marko Koers, Jason Zieren

1994: Joe Alexander, Eric Henson, Mike Smaidris

1993: Eric Henson, Paul Talbot, Mike Uchanski

1992: David Eckburg, Dan Mazur, Paul Talbot, Prosper Wang

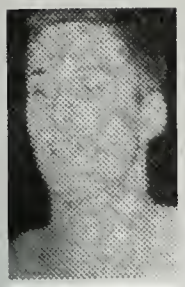
1991: Marc Dickison, David Eckburg, Andy Homoly, Mark Scheirer

1990: Jim DeBeers, Andy Homoly, Mark Scheirer

1989: Andy Homoly, Mark Scheirer

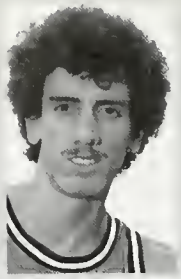
1987: David Halle, John Jacobson

1986: Paul Kivela


James Bowers

Ken Brown

Kerry Dickson


Greg Domantay

Mike Durkin

Jim Eicken

Pete Ffitch

Craig Virgin

Illinois All-Americans

Illinois at the NCAA Regionals

Top 10 Regional Finishes

Runner	Place	Time	Year
Craig Virgin	1st	29:04.4	1976
Craig Virgin	1st	23:05.5	1975
Craig Virgin	1st	28:42.8	1974
Barry Pearman	3rd	30:39	1996
Craig Virgin	3rd	29:22	1973
Len Sitko	4th	31:01.9	1990
Mike Durkin	4th	29:27	1973
Greg Domantay	5th	30:03.9	1982
Jim Eicken	5th	30:23.8	1978
David Halle	6th	31:58.1	1985
Ty Wolf	6th	29:55.0	1984
Jim Eicken	6th	31:40	1977
Dave Walters	6th	31:52	1976
Jason Zieren	7th	30:52	1996
Marko Koers	7th	31:27	1995
Mike Patton	8th	30:18.1	1984
Wally Duffy	8th	30:34	1981
John Kronforst	9th	31:02.6	2001

*Contested since 1972; Prior to 1997, Illinois competed in NCAA District IV, in 1997, Illinois moved to NCAA District V, which has since been renamed Region V.

NCAA Championship Illinois All-Americans

Name	Finish	Time	Year
James Bowers	6th*	21:26	1959
Ken Brown	4th*	19:47	1960
Allen Carius	1st*	19:45.2	1962
Allen Carius	1st*	19:39.4	1963
Ken Howse	37th	26:11	1969
Rick Gross	9th	30:01	1971
Mike Durkin	18th	29:06.2	1973
Craig Virgin	10th	28:47.8	1973
Craig Virgin	12th	30:15.8	1974
Craig Virgin	1st	30:15.8	1975
Craig Virgin	3rd	28:23.4	1976
Dave Walters	43rd	28:26.5	1977
Jim Eicken	27th	30:04.4	1978
Pete Ffitch	52nd	30:21.5	1981
Kerry Dickson	30th	30:40.5	1981
Greg Domantay	41st	31:12.3	1982
Kerry Dickson	37th	30:46.4	1983
Mike Patton	44th	30:55.5	1983
Jeff Jacobs	46th	30:21.6	1983
Ty Wolf	25th	30:21.6	1984
Joe Leuchtmann	20th	31:26.8	1986
Jeff Jacobs	40th	31:50	1986
Len Sitko	22nd	29:58	1990

*Prior to 1964, All-America status was determined by finish at conference championship meets. Since then, to earn All-America status, a runner must be among the top 25 American finishers at the NCAA Championships.

Rick Gross

Allen Carius

Jeff Jacobs

Ty Wolf

Dave Walters

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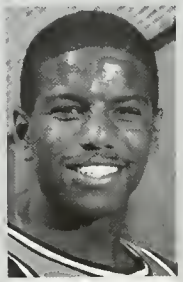
Len Sitko


Mike Patton

Joe Leuchtmann

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THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Since its founding in 1867, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign has earned a reputation of international stature. Its distinguished faculty, outstanding resources, breadth of academic programs and research disciplines, and talented and diverse student body constitute an educational community ideally suited for teaching and research. Located in east central Illinois in the twin cities of Urbana and Champaign (population 110,000), the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is the state's flagship public university.

STUDENTS

The University has a fundamental commitment to undergraduate education. More than 26,000 undergraduate students are enrolled in nine undergraduate divisions, which together offer some 4,000 courses in more than 150 fields of study.

The divisions are: the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences; College of Applied Life Studies; College of Communications; College of Commerce and Business Administration; College of Education; College of Engineering; College of Fine and Applied Arts; College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Institute of Aviation.

Undergraduate admission is highly selective. In a recent freshman class, the average student was in the top 10 percent of his or her high school graduating class and scored in the top 10 percent of those taking the national college entrance examination. Approximately 9,000 graduate and professional students are enrolled in more than 100 disciplines. Many of these programs rank in the top 10 in the country, making Illinois among the nation's top 20 universities that grant doctoral degrees, according to the National Research Council.

WORLD-CLASS FACULTY

Many faculty have been recognized for exceptional scholarship with memberships in the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the National Academy of Sciences, and the National Academy of Engineering; with the National Medal of Science; as National Science Foundation Young Investigators; and by such organizations as the National Endowment for the Humanities, Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, National Academy of Education, and the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. At Illinois, research has a home in libraries, laboratories and classrooms, where it provides a real-life context for teaching and learning.

COMPUTING

A leader in supercomputing applications, the University is home of NCSA (National Center for Supercomputing Applications) where Mosaic web browsing software was first developed. Since first released in 1993, Mosaic has spawned exponential growth in the use of the World Wide Web. NCSA staff has also been instrumental in promoting World Wide Web access at the White House and in the city of Chicago. There are 23,000 network connections on campus for students, faculty and staff.

RESEARCH

Students and scholars find the University an ideal place to conduct cross-disciplinary research. The most visible example of the University's commitment to such study is the Beckman Institute for Advanced Science and Technology, which was founded in 1985. Here research groups from nearly two dozen disciplines work within and across the following three main research themes: biological intelligence, human-computer intelligent interaction and molecular and electronic nanostructures. In 2002, General Motors teamed up with the Beckman Institute to study driver distractions and how well humans interact with in-vehicle technologies. The special atmosphere at the Beckman Institute has also led to the invention of a technique to extend the life of silicon chips by a factor of 50, a development that has caught the interest of the world's major chip manufacturers.

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

Academic resources on the campus are among the world's finest. The University Library is the third largest academic collection in the nation, housing more than 15.9 million items in the main library and in the more than 40 departmental libraries and units. Only Harvard and Yale have larger collections. The library's computerized cataloging system was the first in the world to serve as the primary access to a large academic library. Users have worldwide access to the collections through the Internet, with more than a million patrons logging on each week.

THE ARTS

A major center for the arts, the campus attracts dozens of nationally and internationally renowned artists each year to its widely acclaimed Krannert Center for the Performing Arts. Designed by alumnus Max Abramovitz, an architect of New York City's Lincoln Center, the facility has four indoor theaters and an outdoor amphitheater. Together, they host more than 300 performances each year. The University also supports three major museums: the Krannert Art Museum and Kinkead Pavilion, the World Heritage Museum and the Museum of Natural History. Other major facilities include the multipurpose Assembly Hall (17,000 seats), which hosts concerts, convocations, theater and sporting events; Memorial Stadium, site of Big Ten Conference football games; and the Intramural-Physical Education Building.

PARTNERSHIP ILLINOIS

Also integral to the University's mission is a commitment to partnerships with many sectors of Illinois business and industry. Each year more than 60,000 Illinois residents participate in scores of conferences, institutes, credit and non-credit courses and workshops presented on campus and statewide. University-sponsored programs in both urban and rural areas of the state bring University faculty to the citizens of Illinois to share their expertise in food industries, health, K-12 education, technology transfer and economic development, to name a few. Cooperative Extension Service offices throughout Illinois serve nearly one million people annually. The Institute for Competitive Manufacturing has succeeded in solving business and manufacturing problems in hundreds of Illinois firms by matching student project teams with businesses in need.

OUR GRADUATES SUCCEED

Freshman retention and overall graduation rates are well above the national averages. Typically, approximately 90 percent of freshmen return for their sophomore year. The graduation rate for students who enter the university on a full-time basis is approximately 80 percent. The national average for four-year schools is approximately 50 percent. Over 50 percent of seniors find employment before graduation and 95 percent find positions within nine months of graduation. Each year, more than 400 graduates are accepted to law school. Medical school admissions are also impressive with more than 200 students admitted each year.

According to regular surveys of thousands of graduates, more than 90% indicate they would choose Illinois if they had to make their college choice again.

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Sponsored by the NCAA, the Illini Life Skills program is comprised of five programming commitment areas viewed as critical to personal growth and development. The commitment areas are: academic excellence, athletic excellence, personal development, service to campus and surrounding communities and career development.

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Personal Development

As important as the UI's commitment is to the student-athlete's performance in the classroom and on the field, it also considers the individual's spiritual and emotional needs, and his/her career objectives. Fighting Illini student-athletes are afforded the opportunity to attend a variety of seminars during their collegiate experience, helping them enhance their future following athletics. Among the seminars offered are those in career placement, financial planning, time and stress management, sexual harassment, drug and alcohol education and player/agent relations.

Service

The Division of Intercollegiate Athletics also sponsors a Student Athletic Advisory Board (SAAB), which is made up of representatives from all 19 Fighting Illini intercollegiate athletic teams.

Members of SAAB and their teammates perform various acts of community service such as visits to local hospitals, grade schools and other personal appearances.

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SELECTED RANKINGS

How good is the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign? The rankings presented here show that the U of I is indeed a world-class institution.

• U.S. News & World Report rates Illinois as one of the Top-10 public national universities that grant doctoral degrees, according to a 2001 ranking of America's best colleges.

• Kiplinger's Personal Finance ranks Illinois ninth in its "100 Best Values in Public Colleges" for 2000.

• The 2002 Fiske Guide to Colleges views Illinois as one of the 43 "best buys" based on the quality of the academic offering in relation to the cost of attendance.

• In 1998, Science Watch ranked Illinois fifth in the nation for its scientific impact on agricultural science from a field of the Top-100 federally funded universities in the United States.

• The University Library houses the largest public university library in the world, with more than 21 million items in the main library and over 40 departmental libraries and divisions. More than one million patrons from around the world use the online catalog each week.

• Grainger Engineering Library Information Center is the largest engineering library in the country and one of the world's most technologically advanced information management and retrieval centers.

• New Mobility magazine ranked Illinois first among "disability-friendly colleges" in 1998.

• According to rankings in U.S. News & World Report in 2002 (unless otherwise noted):
- The College of Commerce and Business Administration ranks in the top 50 (2002) graduate colleges for business and ties for ninth for undergraduate business education (2001).
- The College of Education graduate program ranks 14th in the nation.
- Illinois' graduate program in engineering is fifth (2002) in the country, and its undergraduate program is tied at fourth (2001).
- The College of Law ranks 25th among the nation's 175 accredited law schools.
- The Graduate School of Library and Information Science's program is tied for first in the nation (1999).
- The College of Veterinary Medicine is tied for 12th in the country (2000).

Several undergraduate programs rank in the top 25 in the country (2003).	
Accountancy #1	Aeronautical engineering #7
Civil engineering #2	Chemical engineering #9
Materials science #2	Insurance/risk management #10
Environmental engineering #3	Marketing #10
Computer engineering #4	Industrial engineering #12
Electrical engineering #4	Business management #14
Nuclear engineering #5	Production/operations management #14
Mechanical engineering #5	

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

Pulitzer and Nobel Prize-winners

- Michael Colgrass Jr.—1978 Pulitzer Prize (Music)
- James "Scotty" Reston—Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist
- Roger Ebert—Pulitzer Prize-winning film critic
- Dr. Rosalyn Yalow—1977 Nobel Prize Winner

Politics

- Charles Bowsher - U.S. Comptroller General
- James Brady—Press Secretary during Reagan Administration
- Shou-Po-Chao—Secretary General of Taiwan
- Jesse Jackson, Jr. (attended)—Politician
- Katherine Kendall—United Nations Social Affairs Director
- Lynn Martin—Former Secretary of Labor
- Fidel Ramos—Former President of the Philippines
- Sam Skinner—Secretary of Transportation; Chief of Staff during Bush Administration

Business

- Mark Andreessen—Programmer of Netscape internet browser
- James Cantalupo—Chairman and CEO of McDonald's Corporation International
- George M.C. Fisher—CEO of Eastman Kodak
- Hugh Hefner—Founder of Playboy Magazine
- Robert Johnson—CEO of Black Entertainment Television
- Ron Popeil - Ronco
- Jack Welch—CEO of General Electric

Entertainment

- John Coleman—Founder of The Weather Channel
- Andrew Davis—Film director/producer ("The Fugitive," "Under Seize")
- Erika Harold—Miss America 2002
- Ang Lee—Film director ("Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon")
- Gene Shalit— "NBC Today Show" film critic
- Dennis Swanson—Former President of ABC Sports
- Lynne Thigpen—Tony Award-winning actress

Athletics

- Dick Butkus—NFL Hall of Famer
- Jerry Colangelo—Owner and CEO of Phoenix Suns and Arizona Diamondbacks
- Jean Driscoll—Wheelchair athlete; Eight-time Boston Marathon Champion
- Dwight "Dike" Eddleman—Olympic high jumper (deceased)
- Harold "Red" Grange—Football Legend
- George Halas—Founder of the Chicago Bears
- Johnny "Red" Kerr—Chicago Bulls announcer
- Mannie Jackson—Owner of Harlem Globetrotters
- Ray Nitschke—Professional Football Hall of Famer (deceased)
- Mark Steinberg—Sports agent, clients include Tiger Woods and Vince Carter
- Nancy Thies (Marshall)—Olympic gymnast, sportscaster

Year In and Year Out, the University of Illinois Fields Some of the Most Competitive Teams in the Big Ten Conference - and the Nation

Baseball
- Sophomore catcher Chris Robinson was selected to the All-Big Ten team after a banner season. He led the Illini with a .359 overall batting average, .342 in the Big Ten. Senior pitcher Tim Gorski and junior third baseman Chad Frk each were named third team All-Big Ten.
- Freshman 2B Ryan Hastings became Illinois' fifth freshman All-American in six years. Hastings finished 10th on the all-time list for hits by Illini freshmen.

Men's Basketball
- The Illini finished 26-7, 13-3 in the Big Ten. That conference mark gave Illinois its fourth Big Ten Championship in the last seven years and its first outright conference championship since 1952. The Illini garnered a No. 5 seed in the NCAA tournament, advancing to the Sweet Sixteen for the third time in the last four seasons. Illinois' 26 wins tied for the third-most in school history.
- The Orange and Blue had to win its final 10 games of the regular season to clinch the Big Ten title, six straight on the road. The Illini's 12-game winning streak was its longest after Jan. 1 since winning 13 straight in 1943.
- Illinois' 63-3 record at the Assembly Hall is the best mark in Division I over the last five seasons. Similarly, Illinois is one of two schools nationally to win at least 25 games in each of the past four seasons.
- Sophomore Deron Williams was a first-team All-Big Ten selection, while sophomore Dee Brown was named to the second team and sophomore James Augustine and junior Roger Powell were honorable mention selections. Brown was also named an honorable mention All-American.

Members of the 2004 Men's Basketball Team celebrate their first outirght Big Ten Championship since 1952.

Women's Basketball
- Forward Cindy Dallas won the Big Ten rebounding title for the third consecutive year becoming the only player ever to win the title three straight years. She also became only the sixth player in Big Ten history to record 1,000 rebounds, and just the second since 1988. Dallas finished her career with 1,014 boards. She was selected 21st in the WNBA draft by the San Antonio Silver Stars
- Dallas also earned second team All-Big Ten honors by the media and honorable mention by the coaches. Angelina Williams was named third team All-Big Ten by the media and honorable mention by coaches, and Tiffanie Guthrie was selected honorable mention All-Big Ten by the media.

The Illini Men's Gymnastics Team celebrated a Big Ten Championship, third place finish at the NCAA Championships, and two individual national titles all taking place at home in Champaign-Urbana in 2004.

Men's Cross Country
- Freshman Trent Hoerr earned a spot on the U.S. Junior Men's Cross Country team and was the fifth scorer at the World Cross Country championships in Brussels, Belgium. Hoerr is Illinois' first runner to compete on the squad.
- Sophomore Jason Bill was Illinois' top finisher in each of the six races he ran, winning the Illini Pack-It-Up Challenge and the Missouri Cross Country Challenge. He earned Big Ten male runner of the week of Sept. 9. Hoerr finished third at the Pack-It-Up challenge.

Women's Cross Country
- Illinois placed third at regionals, the highest finish by a Big Ten team in the region. It was the Illini's best finish since 2000.
- Cassie Hunt won the Big Ten Freshman of the Year, the first Illinois runner to win the award. Hunt ran at the NCAA championships, the first Illini freshman to do so. She set a school record for freshmen in the 6,000m race at the NCAA meet.

Football
- Four Illini were named All-Big Ten: OT Sean Bubin, LB Matt Sinclair, DE Derrick Strong and PK Steve Weatherford.
- True freshman E.B. Halsey ranked in the Big Ten in four categories – rushing, all-purpose yards, receptions and kickoff return yards.

Men's Golf
- Ranked in the Top 25 for most of the season, Illinois finished second in the Big Ten for the third consecutive season, also earning its third straight trip to NCAA Regional competition.
- Senior Joe Affrunti was named first team All-Big Ten and sophomore Patrick Nagle earned second team All-Big Ten honors.
- Nagle tied the second-lowest round in school history on Oct. 13, shooting a 6-under-par 65 during the second round of the Alister MacKenzie Invitational.

Women's Golf
- Illinois' top finish of the season came at the Illini Spring Classic where the Orange and Blue finished as a runner-up, missing the team title by just one stroke. Illinois shot its lowest round of the season during the final round of the Classic, a 296, which tied the third-lowest team score in school history.
- Senior Marla Cox led the Illini in scoring average during the 2004 season. She tallied seven top-20 finishes on the season and finished ranked fourth in school history for career stroke average.

Men's Gymnastics
- Illinois won the Big Ten title at Huff Hall and finished third at the NCAA championships, which were held at Assembly Hall. The Big Ten championship was Illinois' first in 15 years and the NCAA third-place finish was Illinois' highest since 1998.
- Sophomore Justin Spring and senior Bob Rogers each won individual national titles. Spring won the high bar and Rogers won pommel horse. Spring and junior Ben Newman also won individual Big Ten titles. Spring took the conference floor exercise crown, while Newman won pommel horse.
- Five Illini earned All-America honors on seven events, the most since 1957. Spring (parallel bars, high bar), Adam Pummer (floor exercise, vault), Newman (pommel horse), Rogers (pommel horse) and Peter Shostchuk (pommel horse) were the 2004 All-Americans.
- Coach Yoshi Hayasaki was named Big Ten and Central Region Coach of the Year, while assistant coach Jon Valdez won National Assistant Coach of the Year for his work with the Illini.
- Illinois was ranked No. 1 in the nation for the entire second half of the season and broke nearly every school record in the process. Six of seven team-scoring records fell, including overall team score, and all seven individual marks were shattered – four by Spring and two by Newman and one shared by Spring and Adam Pummer.

Women's Gymnastics
- Junior Ashley Williams and freshman Cara Pomeroy became the first Illini

gymnasts to compete at the NCAA championships since 1987. Pomeroy competed on the uneven bars after winning the event at the South Central regional with a perfect 10.0 – the first in Illinois history. Williams advanced in the all-around after scoring a 39.275 at the regional meet.
- Illinois advanced to regional competition as a team for the first time since 1998 and ended the season ranked No. 22 nationally. The Illini posted their top road score (195.400) at both the Big Ten and NCAA regional meets to finish sixth and fifth, respectively.
- The 2004 Illini posted six of the top 10 overall team scores in school history. Several school records fell, including overall team score (196.300), vault team (49.000), uneven bars team (49.475) and balance beam team (49.175). Williams set the UI all-around record (39.475), Pomeroy's 10.0 set the bars record and junior Kara Kapernekas tied her own floor exercise record (9.950).

Members of the 2003 Illinois Volleyball team celebrate after defeating Louisville, advancing to the NCAA Sweet Sixteen.

Soccer
- Illinois finished with the best record in school history – 16-4-2 – won its first-ever Big Ten Tournament title with three consecutive 2-0 wins to advance to the NCAA tournament for the third time in four years.
- Junior GK Leisha Alcia earned first team All-America honors from three different organizations (NSCAA, SoccerBuzz and CSTV) and fellow junior Tara Hurless was a second-team All-America selection by NSCAA. Alcia, Hurless and senior Meghan Kolze were all selected as first-team All-Great Lakes Region and first-team All-Big Ten honorees.
- With one of the top defenses in the nation, the Illini reached their best ranking in school history – No. 7 by SoccerBuzz and No. 9 by NSCAA – and set school records for shutouts (13), consecutive shutouts (6), lowest goals-against average (0.53), best road record (5-1-1) and best regular-season Big Ten finish (second).

Softball
- Illinois finished its best season in school history, taking second place in the Big Ten regular season and tournament, as well as second in the Baylor regional and compiling a 45-21-1 record.
- Senior pitching ace Amanda Fortune was named first team All-Big Ten, the first Illini pitcher ever given the honor. Sophomore first baseman Jenna Hall earned first team All-Big Ten honors for the second straight season. Fortune also was named first team All-Great Lakes Region.

Swimming & Diving
- Junior Ilkay Dikmen qualified for her third-straight NCAA championships, competing in both the 100 and 200-meter breaststroke.
- Illini diver Lisa Fish qualified for the NCAA Zone Diving championships for the third straight season.
- The Orange and Blue set 19 records on the season, 17 by swimming and two by diving.
- Freshman sprinter Barbie Viney set a pair of school records in the 50 and 100-meter freestyles.

Men's Tennis
- Advanced to the Final Four of the NCAA championships after being ranked No. 1 nationally all season. Finished the regular season 25-0 overall and 10-0 in the Big Ten, giving Illinois its eighth-straight regular-season conference championship and third straight conference tournament title.
- Won the ITA National Indoor Championship for the second straight year.
- Senior Brian Wilson became Illinois' first No. 1-ranked player in school history.
- Carried an NCAA-record winning streak of 64-straight dual match victories into a Final Four match-up against UCLA before falling to the Bruins.
- Senior Michael Calkins became the winningest player in UI history with 246 combined singles and doubles victories.
- Phil Stolt was selected to the All-Big Ten team for the first time. In addition, Stoldt won the prestigious Big Ten Medal of Honor at the annual UI Scholar-Athlete Banquet.

Women's Tennis
- Illinois reached its highest-ever national ranking in program history - No. 16 and advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the second year in a row and the fifth time in the last six years.
- Finished the season at 17-6 (.739), which was the highest winning percentage since Illinois' first women's tennis team went 6-0 in 1975.
- Senior Jennifer McGaffigan became the winningest player in program history with 209 combined singles and doubles victories. McGaffigan won the prestigious Big Ten Medal of Honor at the Annual UI Scholar-Athlete Banquet.

Men's Track and Field
- 12 Illini athletes qualified for the NCAA Regional meet, with four advancing to the NCAA Championships. Abe Jones and Adrian Walker both earned All-America honors in the 400 hurdles.
- Illinois finished fourth at the Big Ten Indoor championships and fifth at the Outdoor Championships in coach Wayne Angel's first season, the team's best finish in both meets since 2000.
- Abe Jones was Big Ten Champion in 400m hurdles at the Outdoor Championships. The Illini had six All-Big Ten honorees during the indoor season and 10 during the outdoor season
- Team won the Carle/Health Alliance Invitational, the Illinois Invitational, the Dartmouth Relays and the Illinois Open indoors and the TSU Relays outdoors.

Women's Track and Field
- After qualifying seven athletes for the NCAA Regional meet, four Illini moved on to compete at the NCAA Championships, with Camile Robinson earning All-America accolades in the 800 meters and Cassie Hunt in the 3000 steeplechase.
- Illinois finished third at the Big Ten Outdoor Championships after taking seventh at the Indoor Conference Championships.
- Yvonne Mensah won the 60m hurdles at the Big Ten Indoor championships, was named first team All-Big Ten and won the Big Ten Freshman of the Year award. At the Outdoor championships, Camile Robinson won the 400m hurdles crown and the 4x400 relay of Robinson, Carlene Robinson, Mensah and Shanna Pickett took home the title as well. 11 Illini earned first or second team All-Big Ten status for the outdoor season.
- Carlene Robinson broke the 800-meter school record with a clocking of 2:03.52 at the Jamaican Senior National Championships in June.
- The team of Mensah, Shanna Pickett, Camile Robinson and Carlene Robinson won the sprint medley relay at the Drake Relays.

Volleyball
- Illinois posted a record of 26-7 on the season and tied for second place in the Big Ten with a 15-5 mark. Both records were Illini bests since 1992.
- The Orange and Blue reached the NCAA Sweet Sixteen and finished the season ranked No. 15 in the nation.
- Coach Don Hardin was named Big Ten Coach of the Year.
- Senior MB Lisa Argabright was named a third-team All-America, first-team All-Big Ten and All-Region selection after leading the Illini in kills (3.7 kpg), hitting percentage (.367) and blocks (1.3 bpg) on the year.
- Junior setter Erin Virtue was a first-team All-Big Ten and All-Region selection, and received honorable mention All-America honors. She ranked second in the Big Ten and 11th in the nation in assists (13.6 apg) while leading the team with 41 service aces and ranking second in digs (2.7 dpg).

Wrestling
- Illinois won the Big Ten regular-season dual meet title.
- The Illini had a school-record five All-Americans (Pete Friedl, Brian Glynn, Mark Jayne, Kyle Ott and Alex Tirapelle).
- Tirapelle and Jayne each won Big Ten titles, Tirapelle at 157 and Jayne at 133.
- The Orange and Blue won the Midlands Tournament title for the first time in the event's 41-year history.
- The Illini earned their first No. 1 team ranking in the school's history in two polls during the season.

Illinois Soccer - 2004 Big Ten Tournament Champions

Chief Illiniwek

One of the most dramatic and dignified traditions in all of college athletics is the performance of Chief Illiniwek at the University of Illinois. Since 1926, this symbol has stirred pride and respect in audiences at Memorial Stadium, Assembly Hall and Huff Hall.

Illiniwek (pronounced "ill-EYE-nih-wek") was the name of the loose confederation of Algonquin tribes that once lived in the region. The French changed the ending to "ois" in naming what became the state of Illinois. Illiniwek means "they are men" and former football coach Robert Zuppke is believed to have suggested calling the UI symbol Chief Illiniwek.

In 1926, Assistant Band Director Ray Dvorak conceived the idea of performing an American Indian dance during halftime of the Illinois vs. Pennsylvania football game in Philadelphia. Lester Leutwiler, a student interested in Indian lore, was chosen for the role. Leutwiler's performance, done in a homemade costume, was received so well that he was asked to continue his dance through the 1928 season.

Webber Borchers, the second Chief Illiniwek, was the first to appear in authentic American Indian regalia. He initiated a campaign to raise money to replace his homemade outfit with an authentic one, but with the Depression on, he received just $15. However, a Champaign merchant stepped in to fund the rest and Borchers was off.

He recalled: "In the summer of 1930, I went at my own expense, to the Pine Ridge reservation in South Dakota. I hitchhiked out, called an Indian agent and explained my mission. He and an Indian trader called in an older Sioux woman. She and two younger women made the suit."

On November 8, 1930, in New York's Yankee Stadium, Illinois faced Army in the seventh game of the season. It was there that Borchers made the first appearance of Chief Illiniwek in that outfit. Since then, five different authentic outfits have been used by Chief Illiniwek. The one used in performances now was purchased in 1983 from Sioux Chief Frank Fools Crow, and is topped by a headdress of turkey feathers.

Homecoming

Homecoming, a tradition on just about every college campus in the nation, is celebrated with zest as graduates and former students return to renew fond college memories -- and it all began at the University of Illinois. The fall of 2003 marks the 93rd year for the campus-wide celebration, which began the weekend of October 14-16, 1910.

The Homecoming celebration was conceived in 1909 by UI students C.F. (Dab) Williams and W. Elmer Ekblaw, members of the Shield and Trident senior society. The Shield and Trident Society joined with another senior society, Phoenix, to organize the three day event and submitted a petition to the University Council of Administrators asking the weekend to be set aside for the First Annual Fall Homecoming. Once the proposal was approved, the senior societies, having instituted the movement, resigned their claims to the Illinois Union, which has organized the Homecoming gala since that time.

At the center of the weekend festivities was the Illinois-Chicago football game on Saturday, Oct. 15, 1910. Illinois, under the leadership of Captain Glenn D. Butzer, scored the first victory over Chicago - by a score of 3-0 - on a drop kick by Otto Seiler. More than 1,500 graduates returned to Champaign-Urbana at the original Homecoming, one-third of all its graduates.

The weekend activities included a Varsity "Alumni" baseball game, an interclass track meet, a "rooter" section at the game (which later became the "Block I") and a Hobo band parade. The Hobo Band parade was put on by members of the senior class who paraded from Green Street to Illinois Field. A prize for the most comical costume of the day was given, setting the stage for modern tailgate contests and celebrations.

Illinois Loyalty

We're loyal to you Illinois
We're "Orange and Blue," Illinois
We'll back you to stand
"Gainst the best in the land
For you know you have sand,
Illinois
Rah! Rah!
So crack out the ball Illinois
We're backing you all Illinois
Our team is the fame protector;
On boys, for we expect a
Victory from you Illinois
Chehee, Cheha, Cheha-ha-ha
Go Illini Go
Chehee, Cheha, Cheha-ha-ha
Go Illini Go
Illinois, Illinois, Illinois
Fling out that dear old flag of
Orange and Blue
Lead on your sons and daughters,
Fighting for you;
Like men of old, on giants
Placing reliance, shouting defiance
Oskee-wow-wow!
Amid the broad green plains
That nourish our land,
For honest labor and for learning we stand,
And unto thee we pledge our heart and hand,
Dear Alma Mater, Illinois

Hail to the Orange

Hail to the Orange.
Hail to the Blue.
Hail Alma Mater,
Ever so true.
We love no other,
So let our motto be
Victory, Illinois, Varsity

Oskee - wow - wow

Old Princeton yells her tiger
Wisconsin her varsity
And they give the same old
Rah! Rah! Rah!
At each University
But the yell that always thrills me,
And fills my heart with joy,
Is the good old Oskee-wow-wow,
They yell at Illinois

Chorus
Oskee-wow-wow, Illinois
Our eyes are all on you
Oskee-wow-wow, Illinois
Wave your Orange and Blue,
Rah! Rah!
When your team trots out before you
Ev'ry man stand up and yell
Back the team to gain a victory
Oske-wow-wow, Illinois

President James J. Stukel

James J. Stukel is in his 11th year as president of the University of Illinois. Since becoming the University's 15th chief executive officer, Stukel has taken his four-point plan to thousands of Illinois citizens, including alumni and friends of the University, through community visits and special events in Illinois and several states.

The first point of the Stukel plan is to strengthen the connections between the University and the people of Illinois, in a redefinition of the UI's traditional land-grant obligations. The second is to upgrade students' educational experience through smaller classes and best use of the educational technology. Third is to cut costs where possible, stress productivity and create a positive, business-like administration that reassures taxpayers, tuition-payers and private donors that their money is being used efficiently. And fourth is to maintain the highest quality in a niche filled by relatively few U.S. Universities – basic and applied research.

For four years before becoming president, Stukel served as chancellor and chief executive officer of the University of Illinois at Chicago, leading UIC into the first rank of research universities.

Stukel has been part of the University of Illinois family since enrolling in graduate school in 1962. He spent 23 years on the Urbana-Champaign campus as an administrator, engineering professor and researcher. He then moved to UIC, spending one year as vice chancellor for research and five years as executive vice chancellor and vice chancellor for academic affairs before assuming the chancellor position in Chicago.

Born March 30, 1937, Stukel earned his B.S. in mechanical engineering from Purdue University in 1959 and spent two years as a research engineer for the Virginia Pulp and Paper Co. In 1962, Stukel enrolled in graduate school at Illinois, earning his M.S. in mechanical engineering in 1963 and his Ph.D. in mechanical engineering in 1968.

He became assistant professor of environmental engineering and mechanical engineering at Illinois in 1968, associate professor in 1971 and full professor in 1975.

Stukel is a member of the Kellogg Commission on the Future of State and Land-Grant Institutions, as well as a member of the board and co-chair of the Council of Governmental Affairs at the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges. He also is on the executive committee of the Illinois Coalition and is a governing board member of the Illinois Council on Economic Education. In May 1997, he received an honorary doctor of engineering degree from Purdue University.

Stukel is in his final year as Illinois' president with a scheduled retirement date of Feb. 1, 2005.

Stukel and his wife, the former M. Joan Helpling, have four children and three grandchildren.

Interim Chancellor Richard Herman

Richard Herman came to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1998 as Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. He was named Interim Chancellor in June, 2004. He served as Dean of the College of Computer, Mathematical and Physical Sciences at the University of Maryland, College Park, from 1990 to 1998, and Chair of the Department of Mathematics at Pennsylvania State University from 1986 to 1990.

At Illinois, Dr. Herman has stressed excellence in education, scientific and intellectual innovation, diversity, engagement with societal needs, and internationalizing the education of students. He has emphasized interdisciplinary research and new alliances—including partnerships between government, universities, and industry—to create opportunities for progress in basic and applied research.

Dr. Herman is a leader in national discussions of how to transform public research universities and the land-grant mission to meet the needs of the twenty-first century. In the National Council on Competitiveness and National Innovation Initiative, Dr. Herman is active in mediating between the academic world and the national business community to maximize the contributions that research universities can make in preserving U.S. competitiveness in the global economy.

Dr. Herman has also played a leading role in discussion of national science policy, consistently stressing the need to better position the sciences to engage the emerging needs of society. His experience in science and education policy includes four years' service on the National Science Foundation's Advisory Committee for the Directorate of Mathematical and Physical Sciences, including two years as its chair, and six years as Chair of the Joint Policy Board for Mathematics. He currently serves on the Mellon College of Science Advisory Board and is a member of the Observatories Council, the Management Council of the Association of Universities for Research in Astronomy, Inc., associated with the National Optical Astronomy Observatory.

Richard Herman is a mathematician whose work concentrates on mathematical physics and operator algebras. He received a Ph.D. in mathematics from the University of Maryland, and has served on the faculties of the University of California at Los Angeles, Pennsylvania State University, and the University of Maryland at College Park. He has been a visiting faculty member and fellow at the University of Marseilles, Princeton University, and the Center for Interdisciplinary Research at the University of Bielefeld (Germany). Dr. Herman's research has been supported by such agencies as the National Science Foundation, NATO and NDEA. He is a member of the Tau Beta Pi and Sigma Xi honorary societies and recipient of an Alexander von Humboldt Foundation fellowship.

Dr. Herman and his wife, Susan, are active in the Champaign-Urbana community, where Mrs. Herman helped found the 40N/80W Arts Council and Dr. Herman serves on the Boards of the United Way and the Champaign County Chamber of Commerce. The Hermans have three children and four grandchildren.

Director of Athletics Ron Guenther

In 13 years as Director of Athletics at the University of Illinois, Ron Guenther has returned his alma mater to the national elite in competing for championships in 19 intercollegiate sports with outstanding coaches, staff and facilities, including a second consecutive Top-25 finish in the NACDA Director's Cup competition and an NCAA title for the Illinois men's tennis program in 2003. In 2001, he was named the NACDA/Continental Airlines Central Region Athletic Director of the Year.

The MVP of the 1966 Illinois football squad, Guenther continues to move the Illini athletic program on a breakneck pace toward a position of competing at a championship level in all programs.

Guenther has overseen a series of dramatic changes that have local, regional and national media, alumni and fans marveling at his ability to add sport programs in women's soccer and softball, recruit top-level coaches, successfully engineer and surpass a $70 million capital campaign and create a model program producing outstanding student-athletes. This year, he will begin his second major capital campaign to expand and renovate facilities, strengthen endowment and increase annual giving to offset the rising cost of tuition.

Guenther has established Illinois as a rising power among NCAA institutions by:

— Adding popular women's sports like soccer and softball as the first UI athletic programs added in two decades, while also securing funds which built the Eichelberger Softball Complex that opened in the spring of 2001.

— Hiring Illinois Head Basketball Coach Bruce Weber, who led his first Illini squad to an outright Big Ten title and Sweet 16 finish in the NCAA Tournament. The red-hot Illini basketball squad has won three conference titles in four years.

— Landing nationally recognized men's tennis coach Craig Tiley, who, in 2003, led the Illini to the school's first NCAA team title since 1989. Illinois swept the field at the national championships, taking the team, singles (Amer Delic) and doubles (Rajeev Ram/Brian Wilson) titles. Tiley's squads have won eight straight regular-season Big Ten titles and made eight consecutive trips to the NCAA Tournament. In 2000, the duo of Graydon Oliver and Cary Franklin won the NCAA doubles title.

— Bringing the Chicago Bears to central Illinois and Memorial Stadium. With a partnership formed in the fall of 2001, the Bears played the full 2002 season and exhibition games in 2003–a total of 12 games–in Champaign while Soldier Field underwent construction. With that partnership came funds that refurbished the Irwin football complex, including new locker and meeting rooms as well as a training room and upgrades to the coaches' offices.

— Guenther also hired former Illini and member of the 1988 Big Ten Championship golf squad, Mike Small, who, in his first four seasons in charge of the men's team, has twice led the team to the NCAA Championships. The Illini have taken second in the Big Ten the past three seasons. Small is also continuing to represent Illinois on the professional circuit, playing in PGA Tour events like the Western Open and the PGA Championship.

—The Illinois track and field programs have also excelled at both the national and international level. Former Illini hurdler Perdita Felicien won three NCAA titles in two years. Felicien was named the 2001 and 2003 National Female Track Athlete of the Year, following her All-America performances in the 100-meter hurdles. She went on to win two World Championships and will represent Canada in the 2004 Olympics. She becomes the 11th athlete head coach Gary Winckler has sent to Olympic competition. Among those standouts were 1996 bronze medalist Tonja Buford-Bailey in the 400-meter hurdles. He has also tutored 172 All-Americans at Illinois.

— The Illinois men's gymnastics program under head coach Yoshi Hayasaki is ranked among the Top-10 in the nation year in and year out. This year was no exception with the team placing third nationally while hosting the 2004 NCAA Championships and crowning five All-Americans. Justin Spring and Bob Rogers won NCAA titles and helped lead Hayasaki to his fifth Big Ten Championship.

— Signing an exclusive $7.5 million agreement with Nike as one of only 13 Nike institutions in the United States.

— Christening new facilities like the Ubben Basketball Practice Facility, Irwin Indoor Football Facility and the Bielfeldt Athletic Administration Building.

— Overseeing the construction and opening of the $2.1 million Irwin Academic Center, providing 600 student-athletes with a state-of-the-art, convenient academic center to reach their full potential as students.

Under Guenther's leadership, Illinois has steadily improved its performance on the field and in the classroom. Off the field, Illinois student-athletes have continued to benefit from outstanding academic service programs, matching the overall campus grade point average and producing nearly 100 Academic All-Big Ten award winners annually in all sports. Guenther has also spearheaded a revolution for funding for championship-level programs and facilities as the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics has opened necessary additional revenue streams totaling more than $3 million through working partnerships with corporate sponsors and management of the Illini Sports Radio Network.

Guenther's aggressive plan to make the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics a valuable and enthusiastic partner in the overall education, research and service mission of the University has begun to pay dividends in the 21st century.

Now in his fourth decade with the University of Illinois, Guenther was the Most Valuable Player on the 1966 Illinois football squad under Head Coach Pete Elliott. He was a second-team All-Big Ten selection at offensive guard, also earning first-team Academic All-Big Ten honors and recognition as the University's outstanding senior in physical education. Guenther earned his bachelor of science degree in physical education from Illinois in 1967 and an M.S. in administration in 1968 before embarking on a successful career in coaching, athletic administration and business.

Guenther was named the 17th Director of Athletics in 1992 after serving for two years with the University of Illinois Foundation as Director of Major Gifts and for three years as a partner with The Barofsky Association, a Chicago-area investments and marketing firm. From June of 1988 to March of 1989, Guenther served as Interim Director of Athletics for External Operations, administering the development program, public relations, promotions, tickets, merchandise and summer camps.

Guenther spent the previous three years within the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics as associate athletic director for development, coordinating the "Campaign for Excellence in Athletics." That campaign began the first major facelift of athletic facilities in nearly 60 years on campus and provided the impetus for the eventual construction of Illinois Field for baseball, the UI Outdoor Track and Field and Soccer Stadium, the Atkins Tennis Center and the Irwin Football Complex, housing coaches offices, locker rooms, sports medicine, strength and conditioning facilities and meeting rooms for Illinois football. One of the nation's top athletic fund raisers, Guenther has been instrumental in soliciting gift commitments totaling more than $50 million toward capital improvements at Illinois during the last 15 years.

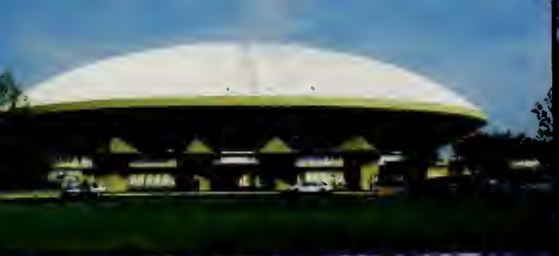
Firmly committed to delivering the Illinois message across the state and Midwest, Guenther served from 1983 to 1987 as assistant athletic director for Chicago operations, renewing a commitment that continues today to reach out to the thousands of Chicago-area alumni, donors and fans. During his tenure in Chicago, Guenther created the annual statewide caravan for promotion and public relations and saw a tripling in the number of donors to Illinois athletics.

Guenther spent eight years at North Central College in Naperville, Ill., including a stint from 1975-79 as director of admissions and also as an associate head football coach. From 1979-83, he served as the vice president of development and public affairs at North Central, helping to design and implement a $15 million Capital Campaign. As associate head football coach, Guenther helped the Cardinals amass a 23-12-2 record, including the school's first winning season in 15 years.

Before moving to North Central College, Guenther was offensive line coach at Boston College from 1971-74, helping to develop nine National Football League players. From 1968-71, Guenther was a teacher and coached football, wrestling and track and field for the Evanston Township and Glenbard High School systems in suburban Chicago.

Born Oct. 3, 1945, Guenther is a native of Elmhurst, Ill. and a graduate of York High School. He lettered at Illinois in 1965 and 1966, helping Illinois to a 24-14-1 record in his four seasons. Guenther earned MVP honors on a squad that produced five All-Americans in 1966.

Guenther and his wife, Megan, reside in Champaign.



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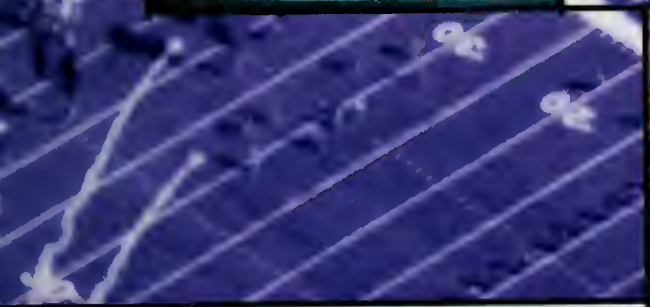

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The Athletics Department does not receive state tax dollars, yet over the years has been able to fully fund the NCAA maximum allowable number of athletic scholarships for student-athletes in each of its sports programs, as well as hire excellent coaches and maintain and upgrade its facilities, staying on par with the best major collegiate programs across the nation.

The Irwin Academic Center, an 8,000-square foot building, provides a comfortable environment for the exclusive use of student-athletes. It allows student-athletes to strive for and achieve the high academic standards of the University while also growing as individuals. It is a place where student-athletes can study individually or in group settings, meet with tutors, complete assignments, or conduct research in one of three state-of-the-art computer labs.

The University of Illinois Division of Intercollegiate Athletics mission is to achieve excellence both in the classroom and in sport competition.

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2004 Men's Cross Country Schedule

Sept. 4	Redbird Challenge Bloomington, IL	
Sept. 11	**ILLINI "Pack It Up" CHALLENGE**	**8:30 a.m. (4 miles)**
Sept. 25	Roy Griak Invitational Minneapolis, MN	11 a.m.
Oct. 16	Pre-Nationals Terre Haute, IN	
Oct. 31	Big Ten Championships Iowa City, IA	
Nov. 13	NCAA Regionals Peoria, IL	11 a.m.
Nov. 22	NCAA Championships Terre Haute, IN	11 a.m.

- *All home meets in BLUE CAPS and held at UI Cross Country Course (Lincoln Ave. & St Mary's Road).*
- *Schedule and meet times subject to change. Check www.fightingillini.com for updates.*

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